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LETTER TO THE LEAGUE.

British Policy in China Outlined.

STERN WARNING TO NATIONALISTS.

Anti-British Propaganda Must Cease.

YANGTZE SITUATION QUIET.

Sir Austen Chamberlain's letter to the League of Nations states that Canton's claim for recognition as the only Government in China modifies the hypothesis on which the Washington policy was based. But British policy is a development and not a departure from the Washington Conference policy.

The letter declares that the official stimulation of anti-British propaganda must cease. The comparative peace of the greater part of Southern China during the last two or three months has proved that, when organised agitation and intimidation are absent, friendly relations between the Chinese and the British remain as excellent as they have been in the past.

Naval wireless messages report that the situation is quiet at Hankow and Ichang.

The news of the British and Chinese agreement in Hankow has stimulated trade in Hong Kong considerably.

LEAGUE AND CHINA.

Sir A. Chamberlain's Letter.

London, Feb. 11.

Sir Austen Chamberlain's letter to the League of Nations reviews the principles as regards China adopted at the Washington Conference on which since 1922 British policy in China has been based. Its complete success, however, depended on the co-operation of a single Central Government in China. The Canton Government, which in 1922 was confined to Canton, now claims recognition as the only Government in China. This fact modified the hypothesis on which the Washington policy was based.

The letter emphasises that the British have been singled out for an "implacable campaign of calumny and boycott." It reviews the incidents of mob violence at Hankow and Kiu-kiang, stresses the forbearance of the Marines, and explains that Great Britain is ready to negotiate Treaty revision. Therefore the British policy is a development and not a departure from the Washington Conference policy.

An annex tabulates the proposals communicated to China on January 27.—Reuter.

DETAILED REPORT.

Anti-British Propaganda Must Cease.

Rugby, Feb. 11.

The text is issued of Sir Austen Chamberlain's communication to the League of Nations explaining British policy in China.

The communication states that since 1922 British policy has been based on the letter and spirit of the agreements reached at the Washington Conference. As regards general principles the British Government still adheres to this policy, but its complete success depended on co-operation between the Powers concerned and a single Central Government in China. Unfortunately since 1922 China has become more disunited than ever. For instance, the Canton Government was in 1922 confined to the City of Canton. Even then it was in revolt against the Central Government at Peking, and did not consider itself bound by the undertakings entered into by the Central Government's representatives at Washington.

The Canton Nationalist Government has now increased its authority over the greater part of the country south of the Yangtze River, and claims to be recognised as the only Government of all China. This fact has modified the hypothesis on which the Washington policy was based.

Further, the extremists of the Canton Nationalist Party have singled out the British people for an implacable campaign of calumny and boycott. Indeed, the enmity against Great Britain has been deliberately and persistently cultivated by this section of their advisers in order to promote the solidarity of the Nationalist Party and stimulate its aggressive spirit.

The events of 1925 provided the anti-British propaganda with

the kind of material most useful for them. When the Police of the Municipality of the Shanghai International Settlement opened fire in consequence of an outbreak of mob violence, the fact that the Police had British officers was seized upon by the propagandists to represent the incident as the act of British aggression, though the British Government had no control over these police.

Similarly, when an armed procession of Chinese fired on the British and French Concession at Canton, and troops in the Concession were obliged to fire in self-defence, the fact that though only part of those troops were British was again seized upon as material for anti-British propaganda. The extremely friendly and considerate attitude of the British Government toward China, as shown at the Washington Conference and on many other occasions, was contemptuously brushed aside. The boycott of British goods was put into force throughout China, and long after the boycott had ceased in the North it was continued at Canton.

Fomented by Extremists. With the extension of the authority of the Canton Nationalist Government to Central China has spread the current of anti-British agitation fomented by extremists. The memorandum mentions episodes at Hankow and Kiu-kiang which, it says, made it clear that there was no guarantee for the safety of British lives and property in Chinese cities under the authority of the Nationalist Government in the present revolutionary state of affairs. It was in these circumstances that the British Government decided, as a precautionary measure, to send such troops as it was advised were required, to protect the British community at Shanghai.

The memorandum relates how the British Government declared on December 18 its readiness to negotiate on Treaty revision as soon as the Chinese had constituted a Government with authority to negotiate and how the British Government has meanwhile formulated and laid before the Chinese authorities in the North and the South unilateral measures for Treaty modification to meet the aspirations of the Chinese people.

The memorandum says: "These measures imply the immediate and radical modification of the old Treaty position so far as His Majesty's Government is concerned, and are an earnest of further modifications as soon as conditions permit. But before this can be successfully attempted it is essential that official stimulation of anti-British propaganda must cease. The comparative peace of the greater part of Southern China during the last two or three months has proved that, when organised agitation and intimidation are absent, friendly relations between the Chinese and the British people remain as excellent as they have been in the past."

The Policy Not a Departure. The statement concludes: "The policy of His Majesty's Government is therefore a development and not a departure from the Washington Conference policy in accordance with Article VII of

SERIES OF THEFTS.

YOUNG BURGLAR AT THE A.P.C.

REFERENCE FOR HIMSELF.

Admission of guilt was made unreservedly by a Chinese youth at the Magistrate's Court this morning to a series of daring thefts from the offices of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. this week and further crimes of forgery through certain documents coming into his possession.

Sentence was not passed as His Worship (Mr. R. E. Lindell) ordered a remand in Police custody till Monday for further enquiries to be made.

In plain language, the charges were: (1) Stealing a silver cigarette case and a silver cigar cutter, the property of Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd and a cheque belonging to Miss Gatty, on February 7.

(2) Having forged a reference (for himself) in the signature of Mr. W. A. Butterfield with intent to defraud.

(3) Entering the 7th floor of the A.P.C. building on February 9 and breaking open a safe, stealing a pistol and 16 rounds of ammunition and two cheques belonging to Mr. Butterfield, also a key with which he opened a door to leave.

(4) Forging and uttering a cheque for \$500 on the Hong Kong Bank (in the name of Mr. Butterfield).

Finger Print on Torch. There was an alternative charge to No. 1, that of receiving the articles in question, but this was dropped on the accused entering a plea of guilty.

Accused was first arrested in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank on Mr. Butterfield informing the Bank that his cheque book had been tampered with.

While accused was going through the A.P.C. offices at night, he used a torch found there, and this was left on a desk with his finger-print on it, thereby connecting him with the other thefts.

The Washington China Treaty it has communicated fully and freely to the Governments of other Washington Powers its views regarding the situation both as concerns the defence of life at Shanghai and the proposed steps toward Treaty revision. It is for them to determine to what extent they feel able to associate themselves with the policy of the British Government in both its aspects.

In any case the British Government has felt it right to make this communication to the League of Nations so that its members may have before them a full statement of His Majesty's Government's policy in China, and may understand how completely it is in accord with both the letter and the spirit of the covenant.

"His Majesty's Government deeply regrets that there appears to be no way in which the assistance of the League in the settlement of the difficulties in China can be sought at present. But, if an opportunity should arise of invoking the good offices of the League, His Majesty's Government will gladly avail itself of it."—British Wireless Service.

NAVAL REPORTS.

Position Quiet on the Yangtze.

Naval wireless messages received over night disclose little or no change in the situation on the Yangtze.

A messenger from Hankow states that the situation is quiet. Two troop convoys proceeded down river yesterday.

The godown at Kiu-kiang, which has been opened on a hull to enable consignees to proceed without intimidation and interference, opened again yesterday (for the second day) without incident.

The situation at Ichang remains quiet with troop movements down river continuing.

TRADE STIMULATED.

Immediate Effects in Hong Kong.

Trade in Hong Kong and, as a matter of fact, all over China, stimulated wonderfully yesterday afternoon on it becoming known that an agreement had been reached between the British Government and the Nationalist Government.

ABOUT OUR SHIPS.

Cruisers & Destroyers For China.

NEW OFFICERS APPOINTED.

Much interest has been evinced about the additions to the British Naval forces in China.

The 8th Destroyer Flotilla, reported this week as having sailed from Sheerness, has been brought up to full strength. It is a reserve flotilla, attached to the Atlantic Fleet, and was latterly stationed at the destroyer base, Port Edgar, Rosyth. It consists of eight destroyers under the flotilla leader "Bruce."

It was previously manned by a two-fifths complement.

The following latest appointments have been announced:—

In command: Captain M. R. J. Maxwell-Scott, D. S. O., who has had wide experience in Chinese waters and will be in the flotilla leader, H.M.S. "Bruce."

H.M.S. "Bruce": Lt. Comdr. J. P. White, Lt. P. H. S. Reid (for gunnery duties), Lt. H. G. St. J. Gurney (for torpedo duties), Lt. K. S. Colquhoun, Lt. E. A. C. Ball.

H.M.S. "Seraph": Comdr. P. R. P. Perival (in command), Lt. C. J. Griggs, Sub-Lt. G. T. Collett.

H.M.S. "Thracian": Comdr. H. E. Snapp (in command), Lt. M. S. Thomas, Lt. J. Fay.

H.M.S. "Sirdar": Lt. C. J. Skrine, Sub-Lt. L. G. Durlacher.

H.M.S. "Seraph": Lt. E. R. Conder, Sub-Lt. T. G. Carey.

H.M.S. "Sommer": Lt. F. C. Mott, Sub-Lt. M. A. C. H. Harcourt.

H.M.S. "Seepoy": Lt. B. Colley, Sub-Lt. W. B. Monk.

H.M.S. "Sterling": Lt. G. R. Picher, Sub-Lt. B. L. Turner.

H.M.S. "Stormcloud": Lt. C. H. Thomas.

A cable published in the "China Mail" yesterday stated that the destroyers "Wanderer" and "Wolverine" were coming to Hong Kong from Malta with the river gunboats "Aphis" and "Ladysbird."

When H.M.S. "Wanderer" and "Wolverine" arrived here, they will be exchanged for H.M.S. "Wolsey" and "Woolston" of the 3rd Destroyer Flotilla (which are already here with others of the Flotilla). The "Wanderer" and "Wolverine" are really resuming their service in the Flotilla. When the 3rd Destroyer Flotilla was ordered to the Far East last year these two ships were undergoing large repairs at Malta, and their places were taken temporarily by the "Wolsey" and "Woolston."

The gunboats "Aphis" (Lt. Comdr. H. T. W. Parway) and "Ladysbird" (Lt. Comdr. L. V. Donis, D.S.C.) were last employed on the River Danube and underwent repairs at Malta before sailing for Hong Kong, escorted by the two destroyers already the 3rd Flotilla. These two gunboats will be added to those already on the West and Yangtze Rivers.

THE 4 CRUISERS.

Like Other Ships on This Station.

The 1st Cruiser Squadron from Malta and the Mediterranean which arrived here this week is composed of H.M.S. "Frobisher," "Dance," "Delhi," "Coventry" and "Dauntless." Most of these cruisers are types of vessels already familiar in China waters, through cruisers of the same class having previously been on the China station.

H.M.S. "Frobisher" is in the improved "Birmingham" class of British cruisers, similar to the "Hawkins."

She was built in March, 1920, has a normal displacement of 9,750 tons, and like the other two vessels in this class was fitted as a flagship.

Her length is 305 feet, beam at the water line approximately 32 feet which is brought up to 35 feet at the outside bulges, and she has a maximum draught of 20½ feet and a mean of 17½ feet.

Her equipment consists of seven 7.5 inch 50 calibre guns, six 12 pounders, three 4-inch anti-aircraft guns, four 3-pounders, two 2-pounder pom-poms, four machine-guns, eight Lewis guns with one for landing, and six 21-inch torpedo tubes, four above water and two submerged.

H.M.S. "Dance," "Dauntless" and "Delhi" are of the "light cruiser" class, having all been built in 1918.

Their length, over all is 478½ feet, these cruisers with a water line length of 385½ feet. The mean draught is 14½ feet and maximum 16½ feet, and their displacement is 4,850 tons.

Their equipment consists of six 6-inch 50 calibre guns, two 3-inch anti-aircraft guns, two 2-pounder pom-poms, one machine gun, eight Lewis guns and 12 torpedo tubes (11 inch) in four triple mounts.

These cruisers were programmed, and designed after the "Frobisher" class, and are the latest type of British cruisers.

HOW WE BENEFIT.

SIX MILLIONS MORE TRADE THIS YEAR?

FOOD SUPPLIES FOR FORCES.

Six millions of dollars will be spent in Hong Kong this year on provisions for His Majesty's Naval and Military forces bound for Shanghai.

This figure is the estimate of a leading merchant who maintains that his calculation is on very conservative lines on the presumption that the Shanghai Defence division will only be passing through.

Feeding 15,000 Men.

If the major part of the land forces, numbering up to 15,000 men, is to stay in the Colony "held in readiness for Shanghai," then the amount will be appreciably greater, says the expert. But there is no telling how long each unit or how many units will be quartered here.

Most, if not nearly all, of this large sum will be for feeding the Service men—no small task but unlikely to put the Colony in difficulties.

Local meat is not favoured by the authorities for the soldiers and sailors. However, large stocks of frozen foods can always be available.

No Need for Anxiety.

Then there are such big items as vegetables, flour for baking bread, etc.

Local sellers of tinned provisions are already preparing to cope with increased demand and prices have firmed up as a result. There is no need for anxiety, as stocks are normal, and further supplies can be imported easily.

The feeding of such a large number of men is done systematically, well ahead of time. Individually, the men will also spend money here so that the Colony is bound to benefit from this unexpected income.

More Naval Men, Too.

Even when it was assumed that the various regiments would only be passing through, caterers and contractors in Hong Kong were looking forward to more business as it is not unlikely that some of the provisions will be obtained from this part of the station, the headquarters of the South China Command.

Reinforcements for the China Squadron have meant more warships being in Hong Kong harbour than would have been the case with a number of ships staying at Shanghai and on the Yangtze River instead of spending the winter down here.

Fresh Naval arrivals mean so much additional business for the local compradors who, in turn, pile up the Colony's trading turnover.

WEATHER FORECAST.

"North-east winds, moderate; clear" is the official weather forecast till noon to-morrow for Hong Kong, the adjoining coast and Formosa Channel.

It is proclaimed by order of His Excellency the Governor in Council that Vladivostok is a place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails.

Mr. Tsang Yuk-man, of No. 8, Gilman Street (1st floor) has informed the Police that, some time on Thursday night, a sum of \$495 in money was stolen from a box in his cubicle, the thief unlocking the box.

and first funnel, also triple tubes. The cost of the "Delhi" is estimated at \$840,182.

H.M.S. "Coventry" (ex "Cor-sair") has not been ordered to come out, and is remaining behind.

She belongs to the "Ceres" light cruiser class of five ships consisting also of the "Cardiff," "Ceres," "Curacao" and "Curlew."

Her displacement is 4,180 tons with a complement of 425 to 430. Her length is 450 feet, beam 43½ feet and maximum and mean draught respectively 16½ feet and 14 feet 1 inch.

She is also fitted as a flagship and equipped with five 6-inch 50 calibre guns, two 3-inch anti-aircraft guns, two 2-pounder pom-poms, one machine gun, eight Lewis guns and 12 torpedo tubes (11 inch) in four triple mounts.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

LOCAL SHARES.

MOXON AND TAYLOR'S REPORT.

THE WEEK'S REVIEW.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor in their weekly share report dated Feb. 11, state:—
We experienced a steady market during the past week and in some instances rather higher prices were offered for the principal industrial stocks.

Business, however, was restricted owing to holders looking for a further rise should the political situation improve which is generally anticipated.

Shanghai market is also steadier, more interest being shown in Cottons.

The following are the principal alterations since last week:—
Banks:—London quotations had a smart rise of 44 per share and our market is also rather firmer with buyers at \$1,090 sales having been effected at \$1,092½.

Unions:—Came in for more enquiry and now have buyers at \$286.

Canton:—Insurances:—Changed hands at \$660 and still have buyers at \$665, while probably the former price would still be paid to obtain shares.

Hong Kong Fire:—Have steady buyers at \$815 without attracting sellers.

Hong Kong Land:—Have come to business at varying prices, from \$57½ to \$56½.

Hong Kong Hotels:—Were the medium of business at \$7½ and are still in demand at this price with sellers holding out for rather more.

Trams:—Were done at \$22½ and would probably further small sellers at this price.

Humphreys:—Changed hands at \$14 and still have buyers at \$13.60.

China Lights:—Business was done at \$14½ for the combined shares, buyers are still offering \$14½, but would probably pay \$14½ if shares were offered.

There are buyers of the New shares at \$7½.

China Providents:—Firmed up and sales took place at \$5½, at which price there are still sellers.

Doughfries:—Continue firm with buyers but no sellers at \$30.

Star Ferries:—Met with a steady demand at slightly rising prices and came to business at \$55, while \$55 is still being offered.

Dairy Farms:—A small business was done at \$18.

Electric:—Are a trifle easier, sales having been effected at \$89½.

Hong Kong Wharves:—Were steady with business done at \$112½, at which price there are still buyers.

Shanghai Docks:—Changed hands at \$110.

London Quotations of Feb. 9:—Banks \$210; Indos Deferred 44/10; Shells \$41.89 all middle prices.

Exchange:—The demand rate on London is 2/5 1/2 and the T. on Shanghai is 1/4 3/4.

Dividends:—The Shanghai Loan and Investment Co. have declared a dividend of 1/2 3/4 payable on February 15.

Next Settlement Day is Tuesday, February 22, 1927.

ELECTRIC COMPANY.

PROPOSED DIVIDEND OF 2½% FOR 1926.

1½ MILLION TO RESERVE.

At the forthcoming annual meeting of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., to be held on March 5, the board of directors will recommend that the balance available for distribution be disposed of as follows:—
To pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share on 300,000 shares. \$750,000.00
To place to Reserve. 500,000.00
To carry forward to next account 33,204.57 \$1,283,204.57

HO HONG BANK.

PROFIT LAST YEAR OF 18 LAKHS.

The "China Mail" has been informed by the local branch that the Ho Hong Bank, Singapore, and its branches, made a net profit of \$1,323,200 during the year ended Dec. 31, 1926.

MODERN INDUSTRY.

THE USE OF PLANES IN AGRICULTURE.

Speed in communication is admittedly the primary justification of air transport, but the spectacular achievements of aircraft in this field sometimes obscure the secondary but valuable services they can render to mankind by their adaptability to very different uses.

Obsessed by the possibilities of swift communication, designers and engineers have as yet concentrated mainly on developing the aeroplane as a means of transport and, to this end, have increased its speed and reliability, raised its "ceiling" and perfected such auxiliaries as meteorology and wireless apparatus, says "Engineering."

Only recently has a commencement been made to exploit the aeroplane's freedom to move in three dimensions, independent of obstacles on the earth's surface, but it may be expected that, as more attention is given to this branch of aeronautical enterprise, and as the industrial community recognises that the aeroplane can perform valuable services leading to efficient production, commercial aircraft will tend to become increasingly specialised and will vary more and more widely from the standard types with which we are now familiar.

In this connection the success of the de la Cierva gyroplane is of considerable interest in the application of aircraft to industry, since the ability to hover will be required in many operations.

In agriculture and crop production, the aeroplane's ability to execute evolutions at high speed in three dimensions is likely to offer considerable advantage. There are few more vital problems in the constant war men wage with insect life for possession of the fruits of the earth than those of the cotton growing areas. Standing in the same relation to the cotton grower as does the locust to the eastern farmer, the boll weevil inflicts tremendous losses on both the American growers and the British textile industry.

Dusting the plantation from low-flying aeroplanes with calcium arsenate to kill the weevil has, for two years, been carried on extensively in the southern areas of the United States by a commercial undertaking operating a score of aircraft. In the experimental work that preceded this innovation, it was soon realised that special dusting apparatus, taking advantage of the velocity of the air current generated by the propeller and the force of the propeller's down-draught, would be necessary for the efficient application of the aeroplane to this field. Equipped with such apparatus, the aeroplane not only operates at least a hundred times faster than the best ground machine procurable, but diverts none of the labour force from ordinary cultivation, is not immobilised by the muddy condition of the ground after the rains, strips none of the cotton from the plants, as happens in the case of mule-drawn machines, and forces such a finely pulverised dust upon the plants that it

adheres even when the leaves are dry, thus obviating the necessity to work during the night so that dew may facilitate the application.

Pecans, peaches, sugar cane, tobacco, citrus and catappa trees have been subjected with success to similar treatment, as have orchards and potato crops in both Great Britain and America, while the same method has served to destroy plagues of caterpillars in America and, quite recently, in the Haguenau district of France, to spray flooded rice fields where the malaria-carrying mosquito bred, to exterminate locusts in the reed beds which fringe the River Kuna, in Russian Turkestan, and to free German forests of a plague of nun moth—"Engineering."

BRITISH TRADE.

London, Feb. 11.

The Board of Trade returns for January were, approximately:—Imports, £113,500,000; exports, £55,422,000.—Reuter.

An exhibition of shoes and shoe manufacture will be organised by the Federation of Czechoslovak Shoe Manufacturers at Prague, to be held with the Prague Samples Fair from March 20 to 27.

Yours personal appearance should be one of your greatest assets. A pimply complexion may lose you a wife, an order or a job. Sluggish liver and intestinal inactivity are among the pimply, blotched and sallow skin. With the aid of Pinkettes, the gentle little laxatives and liver regulators, these may quickly be overcome. As a remedy for constipation, bilious attacks and sick headaches, Pinkettes are perfect. Your chemist sells them, or post free, 60 cents per box, from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60, Kiangs Road, Shanghai.

HONG KONG TIDE.

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NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE 37TH ANNUAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the City Hall on WEDNESDAY, 23rd February, at 12 o'clock (noon).

Chairman, Hon. Sir Henry E. Pollock, K.C. Mrs. J. H. HUNT, Hon. Secretary.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, Prospect Place, Bonham Road.

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HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 14th February to SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1927. (Both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. H. BARKLOW, Chief Manager, Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3.30 p.m. SATURDAY, February the 26th, 1927, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 19th February to SATURDAY, 26th February 1927, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager, Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1927.

CYMDEITHAS DEWI SANT (HONG KONG.)

(St. David's Society, Hong Kong.)

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Society will take place at the Hotel Savoy on TUESDAY, March 1st, 1927, at 7.45 p.m. Tickets \$5.00 each. Members are invited to attend and bring guests and are requested to inform the undersigned as soon as possible of the number, names and addresses of their guests and to forward at the same time the cost of the tickets.

G. S. HUGH-JONES, Hon. Secretary, 9, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1927.

HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW of FLOWERS & VEGETABLES will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on THURSDAY, 10th March, 1927.

Entries will definitely close at 1 p.m. on MONDAY, 28th February, 1927, at the Hon. Secretary's Office, but intending Exhibitors are requested to SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

Schedules are being prepared and will be sent to all members who have paid their subscription for the current year.

Members who have not yet paid their subscription and ALL THOSE who wish to join the SOCIETY are requested to send \$5 immediately to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. HORNELL, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 9th February, 1927.

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CROSS AS A SYMBOL.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY ADDRESS.

MOST ANCIENT OF SIGNS.

At this week's public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge, the Theosophical Society, on Thursday, Mr. John Russell, F.T.S., gave an address on "The Symbol of the Cross." His remarks, in brief, were:—

The cross as a symbol of the divine power ever at work in the universe is the most ancient and universal of religious signs. The cross, sometimes placed within or above a circle, is found on rocks, chiselled in prehistoric age, on rude pottery of the later stone age, and amid ruins of times far antedating the Christian era.

The cross is found in regions scattered far apart, in the Hindu temples, in the Egyptian pyramids, on the altars of worship of ancient Peru and Mexico, and again it occupies a conspicuous position in the Churches of Christendom.

Thus the use of the Cross in prehistoric times and among non-Christian people, as a symbol of religious or nature worship, was almost universal.

Story of the Sun God. In comparative mythology we find the story of the Sun God. He is always born at the Winter Solstice, after the shortest day, December 24, when the constellation Virgo is rising, Virgo (which is Latin, and means Virgin) remains a virgin after giving birth to her helpless child, the Sun, born when the days are dark and clouds are near, until the time comes to die at Easter.

The sun is sometimes found sculptured within the circle of the horizon, as a person, with the head and feet touching North and South, and the outstretched arms East and West; hence the ancient sign of the Cross and the crucifixion.

The Sign of Jesus. When the sun is in the constellation of Aries, the sign of the Ram or Lamb, we have the Egyptian God "Osiris" or "Osiris Ra," which sign later became the sign of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

The use of the lamb as a symbol often leaning on a cross is common in the sculptures of the Catacombs and in the course of time the lamb was represented on the cross.

It was not until the sixth Synod of Constantinople, held about the year 680, that it was ordained that instead of the ancient symbol, the figure of a man fastened to a cross should be represented.

The sign of the Lamb thus became that of Crucifixion, as the sign of the constellation Virgo, the Virgin, became that of the Birth.

Marble Cross in Temple. We thus know from comparative Mythology, that the Cross, attached to the Christian Religion, goes back to the dim past.

A report of excavations at Knossos and of discoveries made regarding the ancient worship of Pelasgian Greece states that the central object in a temple was a marble Cross and a circle, representing a snake with its tail in its mouth, as a symbol of eternity, the date being given as between 4,000 and 2,000 B.C.

Then we have also the ancient circle and the cross associated with the earliest known relics of humanity, with the most ancient carvings and records of India, also found on ancient coins and medals of a pre-Christian age in France and elsewhere.

Symbol of Immortality. The cross with a small loop on top, known as the Tau, was familiar to the Egyptians and Greeks and was to them a symbol of regeneration and immortality.

The priests used a cross such as this to touch the lips of the dead showing in those far off days the belief in the immortality of the human soul.

The most common form used now in Christendom is that known as the Latin Cross.

Then there is the St. Andrew's Cross, the Celtic Cross, with a small circle in the centre, the Greek Cross, with four equal lines at right angles, and many other varieties of the same fundamental ancient symbol, also the Svastika Cross. This last has a wide range of distribution, and was already ten centuries before Christ a religious symbol in India and China.

History of the Cross. In the Latin and Greek Cross the circle has disappeared, but is still found at times, particularly in paintings where it is shown as a halo of light behind the Cross.

In the Egyptian religion the circle symbolised the divine power of regeneration and production in eternity.

The Hindus represented the same idea by a loop or oval, but in every case the loop or oval (the sign of endlessness or eternity) is associated with the cross.

The basis of Celtic architecture is the cross, most churches

being laid out in the form of a cross as a manifestation of the Divine One.

We can take four manifestations from the Cross, the first being that of power, perfect balance, perfect poise; the two lines of the Cross intersecting at right angles in the centre and extending to the utmost limits of the circle, represent the two great divine forces, which operate through every atom of matter and keep everything in poise and balanced equilibrium.

Moral Light & Truth. It is the centrifugal force of the Earth's motion, and the Earth's centripetal force of gravitation.

The second Divine manifestation symbolised by the cross is that of light.

The energy from the sun comes to our earth striking its darkness at right angles and bringing us light, this symbol being particularly representative of moral light and truth.

The third Divine manifestation is that of Life; through all nature we have two great forces at work, the positive and the negative, the male and the female, striking each other at right angles.

Manifestation of Love. The fourth Divine manifestation symbolised by the cross is that of love; out of suffering and joy, of sorrow and happiness, the Divine Love will regenerate and raise the soul to life eternal, through repeated births and deaths on earth, when sin and selfishness become transmuted into righteousness and peace, and sorrow and suffering in ignorance and darkness is transformed into bliss and glory, in light and boundless love.

Thus leads the Holy Symbol of the Cross us on to Him, the One in All, in every Man, through service to Him in every Brother Man.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

February 11, 1927. Mr. C. P. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Archibut, Messrs. F. Bumann, J. Baumber, Messrs. D. B. Clark, E. J. Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. H. Parkinson-Carter, Messrs. W. A. Dowley, R. L. Devoud, W. A. Donaldson, Miss C. E. Dowell, Miss I. E. Dowell, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dunn.

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E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent, Hong Kong Station, Feb. 10, 1927.

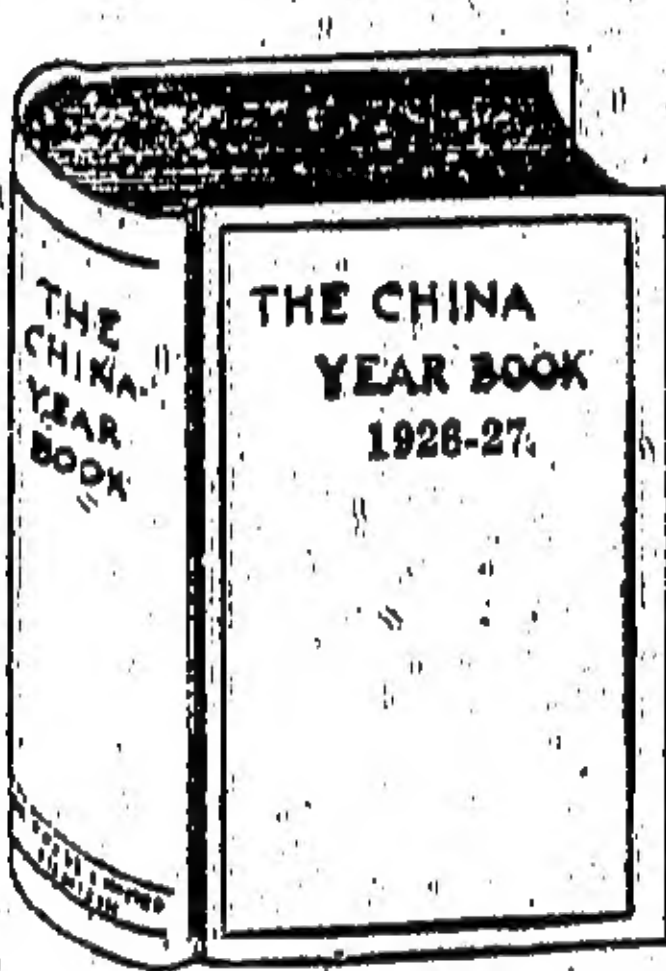
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E. A. LEGGATT, Superintendent, Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1927.

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OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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Mr. Eugene Chen's official manifesto is reproduced in the latest issue of the "Overland China Mail," together with detailed reports of current events at the Treaty Ports. Side by side with the wireless and cables concerning the developments in various centres, Mr. Chen's statement will make interesting reading for the thousands of people at Home and elsewhere who are every day asking for information about China.

In comparatively a minor way, there has been trouble during the week at other points on the Yangtze River. With the footnotes and explanations printed in the "Overland China Mail" folks in the Old Country will be able to grasp the situation.

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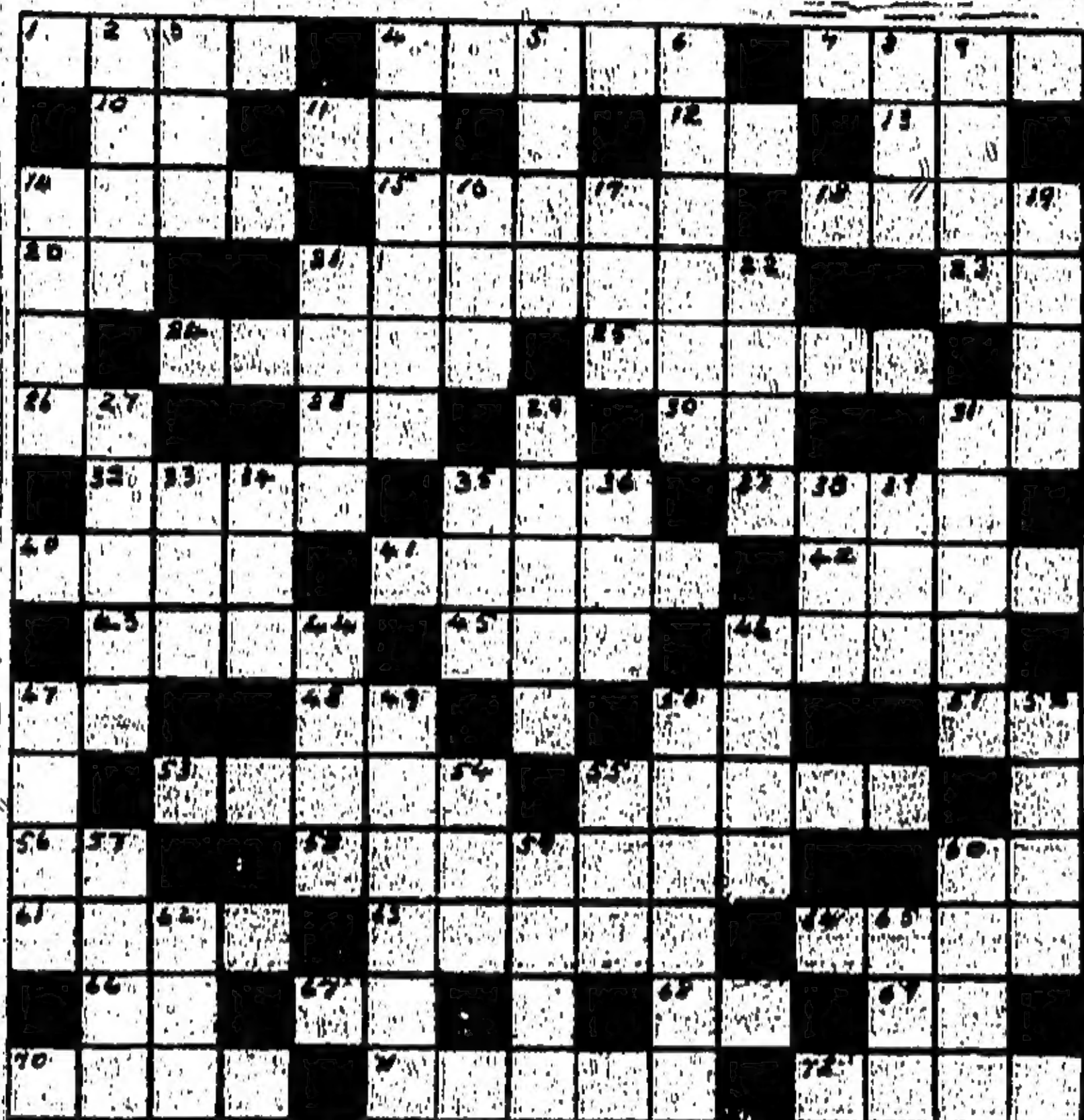
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8. The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts must be in plain block letters and legible.
9. The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute, and he reserves the right to enter into correspondence regarding the competition.
10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the closing date.
11. Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
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1. To keep in safety.
2. A knob in roots.
3. To ripple.
4. Postscript (abbrev.)
5. Direction.
6. Priests' unit of measure.
7. Thins.
8. Conducts water to a mill.
9. Turns round.
10. Oceans.
11. 3rd. pers. sing. pres. of "Be."
12. A small tinned fish.
13. Mother.
14. To revolve.
15. Style of expression.
16. Edition (abbrev.)
17. Doctor of Divinity (abbrev.)
18. US.
19. Advertisement (abbrev.)
20. A man.
21. Church of England (abbrev.)
22. 6th. note in scale.
23. Like this.
24. Hor (no H).
25. Begun.
26. An erection.
27. A. A. (actual).
28. A pet for stewing in.
29. Theosophical Society (initia).
30. To increase.
31. Mentally conceived.
32. A box.
33. Masculine pronoun.
34. In the same manner.
35. Knock-out (abbrev.)
36. Hold; stop; (verb).
37. To provide.
38. To send away (as from one's sight).

Clues Down.

1. Imitates.
2. Royal Scottish Academy (abbrev.)
3. Ready to do.
4. Keep together.
5. To snow again.
6. To employ.
7. To wander.
8. Admire existence.
9. Part of word, 'eri king'.
10. Dull.
11. A variety of quartz.
12. Edge or border of anything.
13. Eye's garden.
14. A bee that collects no honey.
15. Room.
16. Get up.
17. Old (plagiu-English).
18. By means of.
19. Pray (Latin).
20. Sum; (belonging to—).
21. An Epoch.
22. A U.S. (actual).
23. Denotes pity.
24. Anything last.
25. A shelter.
26. A professor of an art.
27. Aims.
28. To lay grass.
29. A watering place.
30. Continued pain.
31. A dam across a river.
32. Fries (from reverse to).
33. A female animal.
34. Exclamation of pleasure.

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MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 23rd Feb., at 11 a.m.
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CALCUTTA MARU Monday, 21st February.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

TOYOHASHI MARU Friday, 11th March.

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HAKATA MARU Wednesday, 23rd March.

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SEIYO MARU Monday, 21st February.

TOKUSHIMA MARU Monday, 28th February.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

OSAKA MARU Friday, 18th February.

MURORAN MARU Wednesday, 2nd March.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU Friday, 19th February.

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CEYLON MARU Monday, 21st February.

KAMO MARU Tuesday, 22nd February.

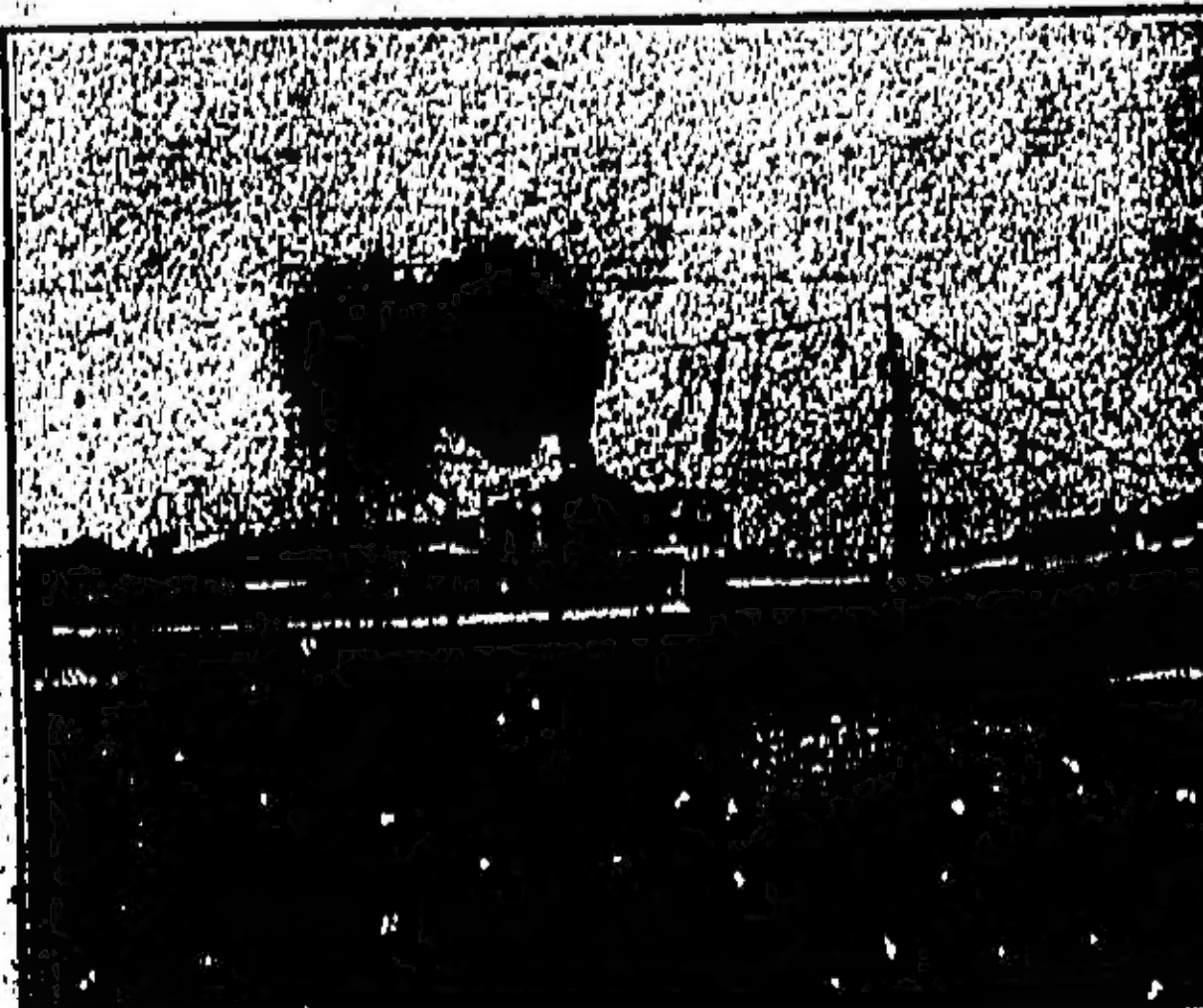
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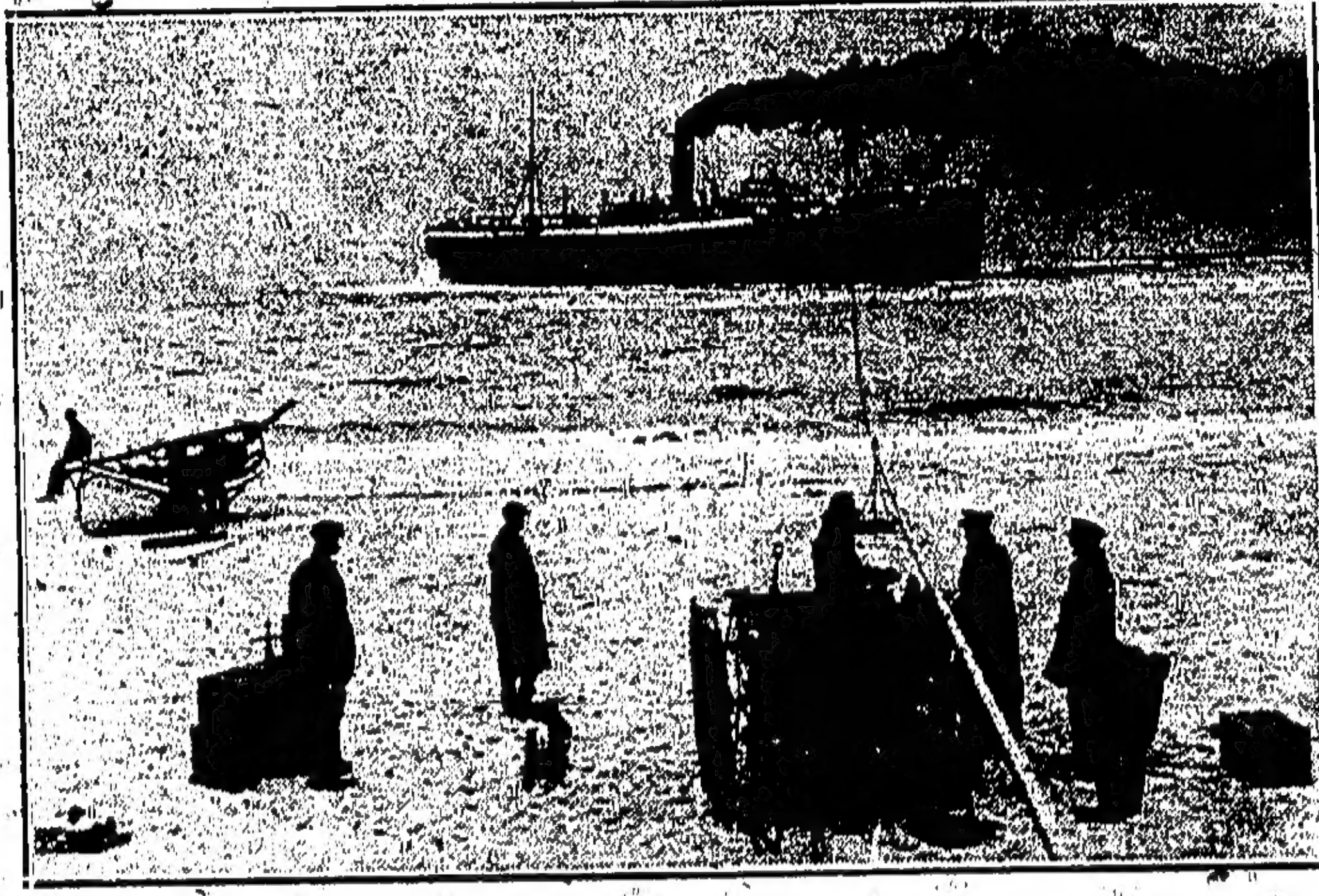
It is pointed out in this official document that certificates of competency issued to engineers are of two kinds—ordinary certificates, valid for service on board steamships, and motor certificates, entitling the holder to serve on board ships propelled by internal combustion engines.

EASTERN PORTS HEALTH.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended February 6, reads:—
Plague: 1 case at Mauritius, 2 at Surabaya, 1 at Colombo.
Cholera: 29 cases at Calcutta, 1 at Rangoon, 1 at Bangkok.
Small-pox: 41 cases at Bombay, 77 at Calcutta, 2 at Karachi, 20 at Madras, 1 at Negapatnam, 3 at Rangoon, 1 at Vizagapatnam, 1 at Singapore, 5 at Bangkok, 1 at Shanghai, 6 at Vladivostok, 1 at Kobe.

COPENHAGEN SETS EXAMPLE.

Harbour dues in Copenhagen are now practically the same as before they were according to local authorities. The foreign trade press in the past have repeatedly cited the port of Copenhagen as an example to the other large ports owing to its cheap harbour dues.



The British freighter "City of Norwich" is shown stuck on a sand bar near the Blue Point Coast Guard station on Long Island. A line was run to the ship to bring the crew ashore in case a storm struck the stranded vessel.

A candidate may be examined for a second-class certificate, either ordinary or motor, after four years' approved workshop service, followed by 18 months on watch in the engine-room at sea. After he has obtained this certificate a further 18 months in charge of a watch at sea will qualify him for examination for a first-class certificate. Time spent in receiving instruction at an approved technical school may be accepted in lieu of a part of the required period of workshop service.

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Certificates in 1925.

The 168 motor certificates issued in 1925 included 104 endorsements of ordinary certificates for service in motor ships. Until January 1, 1924, ordinary certificates were accepted as valid in motor ships as well as in steamships, but on that date this arrangement terminated.

As a temporary measure, however, the holders of ordinary certificates, who, at a preliminary interview can satisfy the examiner as to their general knowledge of internal combustion engines, may be granted permits allowing them to serve in motor vessels for a period sufficient to qualify them for examination for the motor endorsement.

Of these permits, 180 were issued in the years 1924 and 1925, and many of the holders have subsequently passed the examination for the motor endorsement of their certificates.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria, Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on Feb. 18.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due here on Feb. 25.
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ARRIVALS.

Among the passengers who arrived at Hong Kong on Feb. 11 on the N.Y.K. "Hakozaki Maru" from Yokohama, and ports were:—Mr. A. L. Beellner, Mr. T. Bulchand, Mr. G. Bauche, Mrs. M. E. Bauche, Mr. J. Holmes, Mr. R. E. Mugnussen, Mr. J. Shalpin, Miss B. Thomas, Mr. J. Chappel, Mr. and Mrs. W. and Miss P. Hendry, Mrs. A. Lyon, Mrs. E. M. Lyness, the Misses E. J. P. and H. D. and Master D. D. Lyness, Mrs. F. C. and the Misses M. and M. Lucas, Mr. A. Mareau, Mrs. A. Nield, Master D. R. Nield, Mr. L. E. Pettit, Mr. P. Ruzicka, Mrs. S. Ruzickova, Mr. O. H. Rasmussen, Mrs. L. M. Rasmussen, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. and the Misses D. J. and E. M. Stephen, Mrs. P. H. Miss M. and Master P. G. Smith, Mr. V. J. Wilson, Mr. J. E. Watson, Mrs. G. F. and Miss M. M. Arab, Mrs. F. and Master R. Browet, Mr. J. E. Barrett, Mrs. R. Castle, Mr. J. E. Farbridge, Mrs. P. Griffin, Mr. T. Henbury, Dr. G. H. Mrs. C. M., the Misses C. H. and F. H. and two Masters Pearson, Mrs. V. A. Towers.

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EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 23	June 26	June 29	July 1	July 10
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HAWAII MARU Friday, 1st April.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
SHINNOH MARU Sunday, 6th March.
SHUNKO MARU Saturday, 19th March.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CANADA MARU Friday, 18th March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
BINGO MARU Sunday, 27th March.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
KORSO MARU Middle of March.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 10th February.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
TAKWA MARU Thursday, 3rd March.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
ARGUN MARU Friday, 18th April.
JAPAN PORT.
ALASKA MARU (From Shanghai) Wednesday, 16th February.
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 13th February, 10 a.m.
KAJIO MARU Sunday, 20th February, 10 a.m.
TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.
KORSE MARU Thursday, 24th February, 8 a.m.
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BIRTHS.

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TINKER.—On January 30, 1927, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Tinker, a son.

MARRIAGE.

RASMUSSEN—GOTTSCHE.—On February 5, 1927, at Shanghai, Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gottschalk, of Kalundborg, Denmark, to Octave, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Rasmussen, of Nykøbing Falster, Denmark.

DEATH.

HUMPHRYS.—On February 6, 1927, at Shanghai, Cecil George Humphrys, son of the late Rev. Walter Humphrys and Mrs. Humphrys of Paris, Cornwall.

Hong Kong, Saturday, Feb. 12, 1927.

A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

Events in China have developed rather rapidly during the week. The rupture in the conversations between Mr. Eugene Chen and Mr. O. St. C. O'Malley has been ended, and there has been a renewal of conferences leading to the draft of an agreement in regard to Hankow which only awaits formal signature to become operative. The details of that agreement have already been made public in the House of Commons by Sir Austen Chamberlain, and commented upon in this column yesterday. The document cannot but be hailed all over the world as the outward token of the inward spirit animating Great Britain in her relations with the Chinese. It should go far to rehabilitate the British in the eyes of the Chinese. It ought to

prove a powerful counter-stroke to the insidious Bolshevik inspired propaganda against the British throughout China. And it is calculated to bring home to the Chinese Nationalists in particular that the British policy of patience and conciliation is no mere empty talk.

Great Britain has faced altered circumstances in China, but in doing so she does not waver in the slightest degree from her intention to accord the fullest support to British residents out here. That primary duty must be fulfilled, and Great Britain is bent on doing it. There can be no bowing down to mob violence in any shape or form either in Hankow or Shanghai, and if the local Chinese authorities find themselves unable to cope with such when the safety of British subjects is jeopardised, the necessary protective measures will be taken by the British Navy or Army. With this dictum the Chinese leaders can find not the slightest room for adverse criticism. Chinese residents in the British Empire are entitled to the fullest possible protection that the Union Jack can afford. It is a natural right. It has never been denied to them. Similarly, British subjects throughout China must be assured of similar protection from mob violence, from bandits, and from pirates. If from any cause whatsoever the local Chinese authorities are unable to afford such protection it is only just and reasonable for the British Government to step in and ensure the safety of her own nationals.

When one's neighbour's house is on fire it is prudent to look after one's own. Influenza in the plague form in which it raged round the world in 1917-18-19, has broken out again in Europe. In France, in Spain, in Switzerland, and in parts of Germany the infection is spreading with the same rapidity as it did during the later war years and is being responsible for a comparable mortality rate. It may be hoped, therefore, that the health authorities of Hong Kong will be wise in time in concerting measures against its introduction into the Colony. As an important resort Hong Kong is liable to have influenza patients come ashore, either temporarily or permanently, and inadvertently causing an epidemic of the disease. As it is, there is an outbreak on a mild scale of common colds here, and these may require the introduction of the influenza germ to members of the whole Colony.

NOVELTY IN LAW.

HONG KONG FULL COURT PROCEDURE.

RESULT OF DISAGREEMENT.

Certain interest has been displayed by laymen following the judgment of the Full Court in the "Waypoong" \$500 "tattered bank note" case.

The Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gwynne Gollan) ruled that the Hong Kong Bank's appeal should be allowed. The Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) adhered to his judgment in the Summary Court and decided that the appeal should be dismissed.

In accordance with the local Ordinance, when the two judges sitting in the Full Court disagree, the judgment of the court below is to stand.

Local Court "History."

The next step is the application by the Bank (defendants in the case) for leave to appeal to the Privy Council.

These are the facts of the present situation. As this is rather unusual, the "China Mail" asked a gentleman who is conversant with local Court history for further information which proved to be very interesting.

As most people know, a civil case (or, in the ordinary individual's terms, one concerning a claim for money as distinct from criminal proceedings) comes within Summary Jurisdiction (heard by the Puisne Judge) if it is for \$1,000 or less. More than this amount needs going to Original Jurisdiction (before the Chief Justice) with barristers to represent the parties.

Difference of Appeals.

That is why sometimes a plaintiff waives an odd sum to reduce his claim to \$1,000 to sue in the Summary Court, thereby avoiding the bigger expense (fees, counsel etc) of the other.

If one is not satisfied, application can be made for leave to appeal to the Full Court.

The Full Court, when hearing an appeal, is comprised thus:—

(a) Judgment of Summary Court—the Chief Justice and the Puisne Judge.

(b) Judgment of Supreme Court—the Chief Justice of Hong Kong, the Chief Justice of H.B.M.'s court at Shanghai (but this may not be his official title) and the Puisne Judge. Either the local Chief Justice (who, of course, sits in the court below, unless there has been an intervening change) or the Shanghai judge presides, this being decided according to seniority.

No Casting Vote.

Where there are three judges, there is no question of a casting vote as judgment will be given according to majority if they are not unanimous.

When two judges hear an appeal in Hong Kong and they disagree, there is no casting vote for the president and the decision of the lower Court stands—as in the Hong Kong Bank case.

Such was not the case, however, prior to 1912 when the Ordinance was amended. Then the presiding Judge had a casting vote. And as stated above, the question does not arise when three judges sit as at least two must be of the same mind and the President did not have to have a casting vote.

What Happened Before.

An important case of recent years is called to mind.

A local Chinese shipowner sued a Bombay Indian merchant for a large sum for alleged breach of charter party, this being practically a sequel to the post war slump in freights.

Sitting in original jurisdiction, the then Chief Justice, Sir William Rees Davies, found for the plaintiff (the Hong Kong shipowner).

Then the Bombay man appealed to the Full Court, comprising Sir Skinner Turner of Shanghai, Sir William Rees Davies and the then Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice H. H. J. (now Sir Henry) Gwynne.

Final Appeal Succeeds.

Sir Skinner Turner gave judgment for the appellant defendants (i.e. the Bombay charterers) and the two Hong Kong judges were contrary-minded. They stated that the appeal should be dismissed.

Accordingly, the verdict of the Full Court (going by the majority) was that the appeal be dismissed. The Indian took his case to the Privy Council and had the satisfaction of having his appeal allowed, setting aside the judgment of the Full Court and of the Supreme Court.

What Powers Are Different.

If memory is correct that was the last occasion on which their Lordships disagreed when hearing an appeal in Hong Kong, before this very interesting case came up and is still pending. Another point of interest has

HUNG IN MID-AIR.

WHITBAY LAIDLAW CASE CONTINUED.

INDIAN'S ALLEGED ASSAULT.

The incident at Whiteway, Laidlaw and Co.'s premises when a Chinese fell from the top of the building and it was thought first of all (according to the report of the Indian watchman) that another burglary had been planned, was further investigated at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The Indian watchman is now charged with assaulting the Chinese in question (who is a young man) and thus causing him to fall from the third floor window. It is alleged that the Indian made certain remarks to the youth which were resented and that in desperation, the latter opened a window and climbed out, hanging in mid-air. The Indian, it is alleged, endeavoured to pull the boy back into the room and, in endeavouring to ward him off, the latter lost his grip and fell, sustaining serious injuries.

The case was adjourned until next Thursday.

WATER RETURNS.

MORE IN STORAGE THIS YEAR.

FEBRUARY STATEMENT.

A year ago, there were 1,017.60 million gallons of water in storage at our local reservoirs.

According to the returns detailing the position on February 1 of this year, there are nearly 400 million gallons more in storage this year.

Consumption has slightly increased on a per head estimation, this being 17.9 this year as compared with 17.8 last year.

The Kowloon returns also show an increase in supplies amounting in February this year to nearly 150 million gallons more than last February.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

List in the "Government Gazette."

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Robert Hunter temporarily to be an Assistant Government Marine Surveyor, with effect from January 31.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Professor Walter Brown, M.A. B.Sc., F.R.S.E., A.M.I.E.E., to be an additional member of the University Council for three years, with effect from February 1.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Hugh Adair-Nisbet to act as Official Receiver, and Registrar of Trade Marks and Patents in addition to his other duties during the absence of Mr. Edward Lewis Agassiz, with effect from February 5.

His Excellency the Governor has made the following appointments, during the absence on leave of His Honour Sir Henry Gwynne Gollan, Kt., C.B.E., or until further notice:—His Honour Mr. John Roskrug, Wood to act as Chief Justice, and Mr. John Harry Barclay, Nihill, M.C., to act as Puisne Judge, with effect from February 9.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Lieutenant-Commander Joseph Bernard Newell, D.S.O., R.N., to be a Magistrate, with effect from February 10.

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

The Court of the University of Hong Kong having on December 20, 1926, in exercise of the power in that behalf contained in section 14 of the University Ordinance, 1911, Ordinance No. 10 of 1911, further amended the statutes of the University as follows:—by the deletion of the words "The Registrar" in paragraph 1 of Statute 5; and the said further amendment having been allowed by the Governor in Council on February 7, 1927, such further amendment becomes valid and operative on the publication of this notice.

to be mentioned in connection with a presiding Judge's powers.

There is no casting vote when the Full Court sits in Appellate Jurisdiction; but when two Judges disagree on some other matter, the senior Judge can exercise his casting vote.

Difference Explained.

For instance if one of their Lordships reserves an intricate and most important point for hearing by the Full Court and he himself does not sit on it but waits for the decision whereby to continue the proceedings in the Court below, then two other Judges will constitute the Full Court.

If the ruling of these two differ, the President can use his casting vote to give a direct judgment but this is not so in appeal cases by reason of the amendment to the Ordinance in 1912.

Actual figures are not available at the moment but nearly everybody knows that when an appeal is made to the Privy Council at Home, the expense is very high and the present case will, probably lead to a great outlay before the question is finally dealt with.

FOOCHOW INCIDENT.

"MURDER" OF INFANTS NOT TRUE.

CHINESE PAPER FINED.

The local vernacular paper "Tai Kwong Po" publish or letter to them on Jan. 27 concerning the alleged "murder" of infants by the priests and nuns at Foochow.

Following publication of this letter the editor and publishers were summoned before Mr. Lindell last Saturday and each fined \$500 for publication of matter without the necessary authority of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The "Tai Kwong Po" has also published the following apology in Chinese and English:—

"With reference to the publication in our paper on the 27th January, 1927, concerning the murder of infants at Foochow by the Roman Catholic Church and the Nuns of the Convent (Yan Chee Tong) the same was published without any investigation into the truth of the contents of the letter received by us. The report as published is utterly false and untrue and without a vestige of foundation in truth or in fact and we beg to express our profound regret to the priests of the Catholic Church and the Nuns of the Convent (Yan Chee Tong) for the aspersion cast upon them which such publication might cause to them and unreservedly withdraw all such imputations and statements concerning their treatment of the infants committed to their Convent (Yan Chee Tong) deserted by their parents. It is generally accepted that their motives are governed by the highest ideals and their works are most charitable and beneficial to the poor and needy of all denomination irrespective of creed."

BREEZE ON A BENCH.

WOMAN MAGISTRATE REFUSES TO LEAVE.

The question whether a woman magistrate should leave the Bench during the hearing of certain cases was raised by the action of a magistrate at Colchester.

Mrs. P. A. Green, a woman magistrate, was on the Bench when a soldier was brought up on six serious charges.

Mr. C. P. Hutton, a magistrate, said that he thought the case ought to be heard by men only.

"Certainly not," said Mrs. Green. "The mayor asked the public to retire from court while the matter was discussed and everyone went."

Mrs. Green remained in her seat on the Bench when the court reopened.

Mr. Hutton then observed that he thought the case should be considered by men only, and, bowing to the mayor, he left the Bench and the court in protest.

Mrs. Green remained, and heard the case with the mayor and two other magistrates.

Mr. A. W. Piper, the mayor, said:—Mr. Hutton appealed to me and I in turn appealed to Mrs. Green. She was perfectly entitled to be present and I had no option but to leave the matter to her discretion. She refused to retire and Mr. Hutton left the Bench. I am not prepared to discuss the rights or wrongs of the situation.

"CANNIBALS" AS WORKERS.

Solomon Islanders' Habits.

London, Jan. 10. "Although it is popularly supposed that the words 'cannibals' and 'Solomon' are inseparably linked, nowadays the average Solomon Islander is more accustomed to scooping sardines from a tin than marrow from a human thighbone," said Mr. Clifford Collinson when lecturing before the Overseas League.

He added, speaking of his own experience in the Solomons, where he owns a lonely islet, that natives from an island particularly noted for cannibalism were the best and most intelligent workers in the district. He suggested that it might be a case of "the quick and the dead."

Mr. Collinson declared Nauru to be worth two hundred millions sterling to the Empire in phosphate fertilisers.

SUPPOSED DEATH PACT.

London, Jan. 9.

After being reported missing since the beginning of the year, the bodies of Marjorie Stewart (17), of Manchester, and Harry Fallows, of Manchester, who had been living apart from his wife, were discovered by a labourer named Fred Bannister in a cave in the famous Winnat's Pass, Derbyshire, yesterday.

Bannister says that last week he encountered a man and woman sitting side by side in the darkness at the entrance of the cave. They requested him to extinguish the torch he was carrying. Something impelled him to revisit the cave on January 8 when he discovered the couple dead, with a bottle of poison alongside them. They had exchanged Christmas greetings and it is believed that they made a death pact.

EVE OF THE POLL.

"MUDFORD" ELECTION AT THE Y.M.C.A.
CONCLUDING MEETINGS.

Under an independent Chairman, the three parties contesting the "Mudford-on-Sea" Town Council election (at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon) put forward their policies at a meeting in the "Town Hall" (the lounge) last night.

Each party held the platform for half an hour at the end of which each party answered questions.

The Moderates opened with speeches from Mr. E. R. Price, the leader, Mr. W. J. Keates (candidate), Dr. Ashton (a local medical man), and Mr. W. L. Walker (the other candidate).

The Moderates detailed how far they were prepared to go in the schemes which had been brought forward for the development of the town. They elaborated schemes for the provision of linking up Mudford with the chain of workers educational institutes fostered by Moderate elements elsewhere and helped by grants from the University extension fund. The first need of the workers of Mudford was education.

A scheme for using the money spent on Guardian relief for the employment of Mudford by employing these men on the construction of a better road leading from the fishermen's jetty to the railway station was also outlined. Dr. Ashton made a good point when he pointed out that the genuineness of the Socialists' claim to have a lady doctor as the M.D.M. should be closely examined in view of the fact that they stated she was trained at Guy's. As a medical man he could assure them that lady medical students were not admitted to Guy's (Lord Hughes). Dr. Ashton's analogy with regard to extremes in patients under his care and extremes in the domestic politics of Mudford was well brought out.

The Progressives.
The Progressive speakers were Messrs. Murray (the leader), Howell, Sewell, MacArthur and T. J. Price. They claimed to have the only constructive policy put before the electors. The fact that they had had an offer from an outside syndicate to develop the medical waters of Mudford was proof that these could be developed with advantage to the people of Mudford. Why should outside sources profit at the expense of Mudford? The Progressives had brought forward a scheme for the issue of debentures to be taken up locally.

The Socialists had been given the opportunity of collaborating in this scheme. They had turned it down. They would not have a pump house or development at any cost. How were they, then, going to get the money to improve the lot of the workers which they had referred to in such a delightfully vague manner? Was not the explanation that they were not free agents and that there was behind them the shadow of Bolshevik gold?

The Socialists.
The Socialist policy was put forward by Messrs. Dand (the leader), Bolas, Munn and Long (the latter being candidates). The cleverest "touch" of the whole evening was the manner in which Mr. Long, in opening, produced a cheque for a million pounds which had been sent to the Socialist headquarters and also the promise of financial help from the Bolsheviks. Both were torn up in full view of the audience to the delight of the Socialist supporters and the ungrudging applause of all parties.

What the Socialists stood for was improvement of working class homes before the elaborate scheme of the Moderates for education was put in hand. The Progressives could not deny that their schemes would lead to the exploiting of the working man for the benefit of the idle rich. In place of the fishermen's jetty they proposed to erect a pier. Of course the fishermen could not bring their boats alongside a pier which was to include a concert hall, refreshment room, bandstand etc. The Labour Party stood for the improvement of the present jetty. The Progressives had thrown dust in their eyes and mineral waters in their faces. (Laughter).

Questions.
Questions were put and answered. The Moderate leader (Mr. E. R. Price) was rather tied up by a series of questions which had the appearance of being staged for his downfall. It must be stated that he walked into the trap and was unable to extricate himself. This was in large measure due to the pertinacity of Mr. Howell.

ROMANCE OF RICHES.

FORTUNE AND TITLE FOR BOY OF SEVEN.
AUSTRALIA'S ONLY BARONET.

A Romantic chapter in the history of Australia in the old "colonial" pioneering days is recalled by the death at his villa at Monte Carlo of Sir Rupert Clarke, Australia's only baronet, whose family rose to wealth and great possessions from very small beginnings.

He was 61 years of age, and is succeeded, says the "Daily News," by his elder son, Rupert William John, born in 1919, who thus becomes a titled millionaire at the age of seven.

The foundations of the Clarke fortune were laid by the late baronet's grandfather, "Big Clarke," an Aldgate butcher who emigrated to Tasmania.

Dissatisfied with the outlook in that island, he moved to Melbourne, where, with the luck of many pioneers, he bought for a small sum property which became worth a fortune after the discovery of gold.

100,000 Acres Estate.
"Big Clarke" left to his son, William, the first baronet, an estate of more than 100,000 acres in the neighbourhood of Sunbury, about 80 miles from Melbourne.

Here was built, in 1878, "Australis," his costliest country mansion—Rupertwood—which, after the "feudal" magnificence of the reign of Sir William, and the more severely practical enterprises of Russell Clarke, Sir Rupert's half-brother, is up for sale for the second time during the last few years.

Rupertwood is claimed to have

DANCE DISPLAY.

MISS V. CAPELL'S PUPILS AT THEATRE.
PROMISING PERFORMANCES.

The pupils of Miss Violet Capell have assisted at many local performances for the benefit of charity. Their grace and charm of movement and the original conception which have been represented in rhythmic art have awakened in the minds of the audience a desire for more. It will come as a welcome announcement to many that a series of dancing displays is to be given shortly by Miss Capell's pupils at the Theatre Royal.

The first is on Wednesday, February 23 (at 6.15 p.m.); the second on Saturday, February 26 (at 9.15 p.m.) and the third on Monday, February 28 (at 5.15 p.m.). The performances will be under the patronage of H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), and part of the proceeds will be given to the London Hospitals, as has been the custom in the past.

The display this year will be on a much larger scale than the last one, and about 80 pupils will be taking part, their ages ranging from four years upwards. Advance tickets may be booked at Messrs. Anderson's as from Monday. Dress circle seats and stalls are priced at \$3, and pit stalls at \$2 and \$1. Children will be admitted at half price to the matinee performances.

The next Criminal Sessions will be held on Monday, February 21.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has directed that the name of Mr. Gannet Rankin be added to the list of authorised architects.

A proclamation of the Governor of New South Wales is published in the "Government Gazette." Under it the Colony of Hong Kong is declared to be a reciprocating state within the meaning of Act No. 3897.

THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL WEDDING.



Photo by Lee Fong.
Group taken at St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday after the wedding of Dr. Phoon Seck-wah (graduate of Hong Kong University) and Miss Chan Suen-lan, daughter of Mr. M. Chan Harr, one of the principals of the Sincere Co.

the most wonderful fernery in the world; and its beautiful artificial lake, acres of flower and shrub gardens, and wide deer sanctuary, are perhaps without parallel in the Southern Hemisphere.

In Sir William's time the vast stables housed stately carriages, horses and hunters; under the Russell Clarke regime they were transformed to cow barns.

Lavish Habits.
Many stories are told of Sir William's princely generosity and lavish habits. Charities in this country had reason to thank him for large gifts during a visit he paid to England in the '90s, when he became a close friend of King Edward VII, then Prince of Wales.

He was an unlucky gambler, at cards and on the turf. When the first Melbourne Exhibition was running, Sir William invited some Americans to spend a few days with him at Rupertwood.

On the railway journey from Melbourne he lost 25,000 at cards while the train travelled 23 miles. He never played cards again.

His baronial establishment at Rupertwood, with its scores of retainers and display of almost mediaeval pomp, reached a climax of splendour at the time of the Russian scare, when Sir William raised at enormous cost his own battery of artillery.

Sir William's Army.
Sergeant-Major Daley, a famous British drill master, was sent out from England, a large drill hall was erected near the Rupertwood mansion, and here drilling was done every Tuesday and Thursday night and every Saturday afternoon.

Young aristocrats for many miles around, representatives of fifty well-known Australian families, joined "Sir William's Army" to serve under its commander, Captain Hughes, side by side with grooms, house servants, and under-gardeners.

Seven years of hard training produced a splendidly fit and efficient body of troops, and Sir William sent thirty of the best of

them to compete at the Islington and Dublin military tournaments. Honours were gained by the hardy men from "down under." Jock McKeon, the Blacksmith at far-off Sunbury, received from Lord Wolsley the special gold medal awarded to the best artillery driver, and Harry Tooney, now a veterinary surgeon at Sunbury, won many honours until he was badly injured in a tent-pecking competition.

Explorer and Lessee.
Sir Rupert, who was the second baronet, maintained the picturesque, adventurous traditions of his family. In the summer of 1914 he led an expedition to explore and prospect the territory along the banks of the River Fly, in British New Guinea.

He reached a point 20 miles beyond the farthest limit of Sir William Macgregor's explorations of 1890, and made the first ascent by Europeans of Mount Donaldson.

As lessee of the Melbourne Theatre Royal Sir Rupert was responsible for the visit to Australia of Mr. Oscar Asche and Miss Lily Brayton and for the presentation of many other London successes.

Twice Married.
He was twice married; first in 1886 to Aimee Murray, daughter of the Hon. T. C. Cummings, of Victoria, who obtained a divorce from him in 1909; and secondly to Elsie Florence Tucker, a daughter of J. P. Tucker, of Sydney, mother of the new baronet.

Old Place, Lindfield, Sussex, was purchased by the late Sir Rupert Clarke last September, and he and his family took up residence there in that month.

After about three weeks they went to Monte Carlo, where the young heir and Lady Clarke are at present.

Old Place is a beautiful Tudor manor house, and stands in 150 acres of ground. There are seven reception rooms and 18 bed and dressing rooms. In the grounds are a formal garden, a bowling alley, a flowering shrub garden, lovely old lawns, and a garden house with a room 35 feet long.

BANDIT CRIMES.

GHASTLY STORIES FROM SUCHIEN.
RAIDS BY DAYLIGHT.

The Suchien correspondent of the "N. C. Daily News" writes on January 25:—

Suchien is very busy getting ready for the New Year. Even though prices are soaring, the streets, even now, are crowded. I think the whole city some two weeks ago was glad to welcome two camps of soldiers.

The tufel in the surrounding country are terrible. A night or two before the soldiers arrived, several men were caught in the night coming in over the wei tai mud wall. It was very much feared their friends would come and rescue them, and about a week ago our city gates were adorned with four heads. One of them was a young man of about 24, and after his relatives had been allowed to remove his head, they paid a considerable sum to a leather merchant for so many stitches to connect it again with his body. There are various stories about him; some say he was a spy, others that he has a brother who is a small officer in the army, and whilst wearing his brother's old clothes, he began enlisting soldiers for the Feng-chuin army, raised about 500, took them north and handed them to the tufel.

Some of the tales from the country make one wonder when the sorrows of China will be ended. In one country village brigands carried off 18 persons. One by one, they were asked how much ground they had, and how much money they were worth. On receiving an answer of "no ground" and "no money" from eight of these, their bodies were cut in three pieces with a kind of guillotine knife used here for cutting Kaoliang stalks. The other 10 have ground, but no money is forthcoming for their deliverance, and report has it that they are being starved to death. I heard the other day of a young widow who was killed and skinned because no ransom was forthcoming. Another one whom every one pitied had bound feet. As they hurried her along the road, her binding cloths came off, and anyone who has seen a bound foot with broken toes knows what that means. One by one her toes dropped off and the brigands finally shot her on the side of the road.

It is considered out of the question for women to go to the country itinerating and some places have sent word advising the men not to go. One of our missionaries said to a messenger, "And what about you? How will you get back?" He replied, "We have an arrangement with them. They fire guns every day, and we supply food to them! They do not need darkness now to cover their evil deeds, for in many cases they carry away in daylight." In a village, where your correspondent last spring spent a week, and where they talked of the soldiers as "God's gift," the tufel spent a whole day looting.

We are having bitterly cold weather and no mail has come in for three days; for the mail boat is frozen in on the canal. Ice is being stored just now in large quantities. An enterprising man hopes to sell ice cream to the Chinese in summer. There are still some cases of black measles and some very sudden deaths have occurred.

EXPORTS UP.

GOOD TRADE BALANCE IN JANUARY.
ENCOURAGING FIGURES.

Rugby, Feb. 11.
The Board of Trade returns show a gratifying increase in British exports during January.

The exports amounted in value to \$55,422,000, or \$5,714,500 above those of December.

It was the highest figure reached in any month since last July.

Imports amounted during January to \$113,300,000, showing an increase of only \$238,000 so that the trade balance was well on the right side.

—British Wireless Service.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

February 12—Queen's Theatre: "La Boheme."

February 12—World Theatre: "Long Live The King."

February 12—Star Theatre: "Wife of the Centaur."

February 12—Special dinner dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.

February 12—Fancy Dress Carnival Dances, Craigengower Cricket Club, 9 p.m.

February 16—H.M.S. "Hermes" dance at Hotel Savoy.

February 23 & 28—Theatre Royal, Dance display by Miss Violet Capell's pupils, 5.15 p.m.

February 28—Dancing performance at Theatre Royal, by Miss V. Capell's pupils, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

February 12—Steeplechase Meeting of Family Hunt, Kwant' Race Course.

February 28—Annual Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Meetings.

February 15—General meetings of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., and China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Union Building, Pedder St., noon, 12.15 p.m. and 12.30 p.m. respectively.

February 18—Annual meeting of Members of the Victoria Recreation Club, 6 p.m., at the Club.

February 28—Benevolent Society Meeting, City Hall, noon.

February 24—Fortieth meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's board room, noon.

February 26—Annual meeting of shareholders of Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, noon.

February 26—Eighth meeting of The Bank of East Asia Ltd., 10 Des Voeux Rd., Cth., 3.30 p.m.

March 4—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., Exchange Bldg., 11 a.m.

Auctions.

February 12—Sale of Tonkin embroideries by Messrs. Lammet Bros., at No. 47 Godown (Kowloon Godowns) opposite No. 6 pier, 11 a.m.

February 14—Auction of Furniture at No. 2 Waverley Terrace (Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.) Hungnam, 2.45 p.m.

February 17—At 86, Nathan Rd., (Ground floor) Kowloon, auction of household furniture by Messrs. Lammet Bros., 2.45 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

February 18—Dedication of reconstructed organ, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

February 18—Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

February 21—Public lecture at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

March 1—Annual dinner of members of St. David's Society, Hotel Savoy, 7.45 p.m.

March 10—Annual show of flowers and vegetables, Volunteer Headquarters.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Lord Castletown of Upper Ossory recently sent the "Morning Post" his views on Reform of the House of Lords. They are expressed on a sheet of blank paper. No reform will ever suppress Irish humour in the Upper House.

Hankow, Feb. 8.—Mr. O. J. Todd, chief engineer of the China International Famine Relief Commission, was today appointed adviser to the Hupeh Dyke Commission of the Nationalist Government. The appointment was made by Mr. Sun Fo. This is the second appointment of an American adviser to a Nationalist Government commission. The first was that of Doctor J. E. Grant of the Peking Union Medical College as Public Health adviser of the Wuhan municipal government.—"Canton Gazette."

Mr. Foo Sze-lin, formerly Professor at the Peking Nationalist University, has arrived at Canton to take up the post of Professor of Literature at Chungshan University.

There will be a public Lecture at The Helena May Institute, on Monday, February 21, at 5.30 p.m. given by Flight Lt. J. Newall. Subject: "Aviation." Admission free.

It is notified that His Excellency the Governor has made the following order under the Streets (Alteration) Ordinance, 1925, Ordinance No. 24 of 1925: The extreme southern end of North Street, referred to in Government Notification No. 631 of 1925, is closed.

Professor Kilpatrick, the distinguished American educator on the faculty of Columbia University, New York, who has been specially invited by the Government to visit Canton and deliver a series of lectures at Chungshan University and other educational institutions, has arrived in Canton.

Noticing children playing with what resembled a copper button, Professor Mora, Director of the Hungarian Museum, found that it was portion of a finely chiselled gold sceptre, says the Strasbourg correspondent of the "Daily Mail." It has been discovered in an adjacent churchyard, a search of which yielded 92 gold coins, and gold cups and dishes, believed to be the treasure of the Gupidae, a fifth century German tribe, who revolted against the Huns after Attila's death.

Singing between the courses was the novel way in which 300 American and a few privileged British guests made merry at a banquet held by the American Society in London at the Savoy Hotel, Strand, W.C. With Mr. Gibson Young, as master of the music, leading them the singers entered thoroughly into the spirit of the innovation, and its success, after a rather doubtful start, was unbounded. The American Ambassador, Mr. A. B. Houghton, was among the chief guests.

Proof that it is not possible to discipline after-dinner speeches has been afforded by a test at Tunbridge Wells. For the annual banquet of the local Chamber of Trade the length of each speech was fixed at five minutes. It was arranged that after four minutes a green light should be switched on, by the toast-master and a minute later a red light. A guest stated that both the speakers and the listeners disregarded the signals and that the toast-master, after four toasts, abandoned the signalling device.

A war gas has turned out to be of great use to the silk industry. When the cocoons are killed, it has been found that gassing them is much better than the old methods of baking or steaming. The cocoon is said to keep much longer, and, therefore, can be handled as non-perishable merchandise in transportation and storage.

London as well as Manchester is to have its electric hare. Mr. Harry Day, Labour member and theatrical producer, is head of a syndicate that is negotiating for the purchase of a large ground in London where a coursing track will be made and four hundred kennels built. Electricity is to provide not only the quarry but the sunlight; and installation of lamps is to provide the "sunlight" that is used in cinema studios. All the race-course furniture is to be provided—grandstand, paddock, Tattersall's ring, and public betting rings—and when the day comes it is anticipated that the bookmakers will not be absent. The courses will be three—a half-mile, three-sixteenths of a mile, and a quarter of a mile. Big prizes are to be offered, and miniature Grand Nationals will be staged.



The Hon. Mrs. Robert Brand, wife of the Hon. Robert Brand, son of Viscount Hampden, is one of the famous Langhorne sisters, of Virginia, and a sister of Lady Astor. Before her marriage she was Phyllis Langhorne.



Ethel Barrymore, the famous actress.

Apparently there is little prospect, after all, that the American Indian will disappear. According to the Assistant United States Indian Commissioner, there are 80,000 more than there were in 1900 while their per-capita wealth, owing to valuable holdings of oil and timber lands, is approximately \$4,700. This is nearly six times the per-capita wealth of the nations which were involved in the World War.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Arthur Ransome of the Manchester "Guardian," who arrived in Shanghai several days ago, has left for Hankow for a stay of one week in the interest of his paper. He will later return to Shanghai, eventually going to Peking.

"As far as beauty in legs is concerned, there is nothing more delightful than an expensive silk stocking, and nothing uglier than the average female knee," says Mr. C. B. Cochran, the theatrical promoter, in an article in the "Weekly Dispatch" in defence of bare legs among stage dancers and chorus girls. "Clever make-up hides most deficiencies, and therefore managers prefer bare legs, on the grounds of economy," he says.

The following deaths are announced: Miss Mary Hancock Thomson, a niece of Lord Kelvin, the British physicist, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, in her 73rd year; Mr. Harry Leggett, of Great Billing, a member of the Northampton Board of Guardians and formerly an inspector at St. Pancras Railway Station, aged 78; and the Rev. John O'Reilly, administrator of the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin, who had assisted in the church ceremonies at Christmas, in a Dublin hospital.

The following appointments to ships on the China Station have been made by the Admiralty:—Commr. W. R. Richardson, to "Titanic," additional (Jan. 20), and to "Titanic," additional, for command of a submarine (from date of joining). Lt. Commr. E. R. Hooper, to "Titanic," additional (Jan. 20), and to "Titanic," additional, for command of a submarine (from date of joining). Commr. Boons.—E. R. West, to "Hornet," and W. Cashman, to "Titanic" (Jan. 10).

Major C. B. Mullins, who has been appointed to the China flag-ship "Hawkins," is a "go" that is, he was granted the staff qualification without examination in consideration of employment on staff duties during the war. In January, 1919, he was appointed in charge of the Intelligence School at the R.N. Staff College, and in 1923-25 served in H.M.S. "Cardiff," in the Mediterranean. The present Fleet Royal Marine Officer in the "Hawkins" is Major and Brevet Lieutenant Colonel A. S. Cantrell (the well-known cricketer) who was appointed in October, 1924.

Mr. Clarence Mackay, the multi-millionaire cable magnate, appears to have responded to the woe of the baby of Mrs. Irving Berlin, wife of the jazz composer. Mr. Mackay had disinherited his daughter, but his heart melted at the blandishments of his day-old granddaughter.



Harriet Chalmers Adams, President of the Society of Woman Geographers. She is noted as an author, lecturer, and photographer, and has been identified for many years with the National Geographic Society. She is an authority on Latin America, Spain and her colonies, and on early American peoples.

Mr. Norman Brookes, the famous tennis player, has been chosen to play an important role in the Australian manufacturing world. At the first meeting of the board of Australasian Paper Manufacturers Ltd., which has a nominal capital of £2,000,000, he was elected chairman of directors. This new company was formed by the merging of the Australasian Paper and Pulp Co. and the Cumberland Board Mills. With one exception, Mr. Brookes said, all the paper and board mills in Australia were under the control of the company.

Taking a leading part in a short play presented by the West Somerset Players near Minehead, Lord St. Audries had his hair cut on the stage in the old-fashioned pudding-basin fashion. Miss Davies, who performed this toilet operation, caused laughter among the large audience when, on lifting the basin, she left a mass of dripping on his lordship's head.

David Low, the Australian black and white artist, has signed a contract with Lord Beaverbrook's newspapers, of which the principal one is the "Daily Express," at a figure which is understood to be a world's record for a political cartoonist. Low left Sydney a few years ago, under contract with the London "Daily News" and "Star." His political cartoons have attracted wide attention.

There is no truth in the report that Signor Mussolini is making inquiries regarding a supposed forbear of his name, Cesare Mussolini, a musician in London in the 18th century. So many "ancestors" have already been found for him that the discovery of now ones created no surprise. Recently Signor Mussolini received four people who, after laborious researches, submitted a voluminous document showing that the Premier is descended from some noble family or other in Northern Italy. Signor Mussolini pushed the document aside, saying: "You had better take this home with you again. My ancestry begins with myself."

Miss Annette Ashberry, the first woman member of the British Society of Engineers, has been reading a paper on "Some Products of a Small Machine Shop" in which she describes works with which she is herself connected. Interviewed afterward she said her interest in engineering was first roused by her work on munitions during the war. At Park Royal, she said, she worked in the shell section and also on magnetos. Later she did general machine-shop work at Kirkcudbright. Eventually she felt efficient and joined her present firm, afterward becoming a shareholder and a director. "Engineering to me," she has a wonderful fascination, and the theoretical side interests me less than the practical. There is nothing I like better when I get the chance than to slip into the shop and work at a machine."

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SPORTS SECTION

YACHT CLUB.

NOTES ABOUT LATEST ACTIVITIES.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCRAMBLE.

[By "Chau Kung"]

The times for the week-end are as follows:

	High	Time	Low
Saturday	4.1	7.55	3.7
	6.6	11.21	18.28
Sunday	4.1	9.02	3.7
	6.9	12.17	19.16

The course to Lyemun Beacon (p), Cuck Rock buoy (p), mark on line (p) and Chanchoo Rocks (p), a distance of 3.8 miles, fixed for the 5th and last of the championship series for the racing yachts should provide a good test of sailing this afternoon whatever the wind may be.

The course for the Cruisers on Sunday is Lamun Island to starboard and the time limit has been extended to 7.30 p.m. to allow for the race being finished should there be any breeze at all.

The position of the leaders in the various classes are unlikely to be greatly changed, if they manage to keep clear of problems.

In the Handicap Class "Rolla" (N.V. H. Croucher) with 45 points is followed by "Dorothea" (41 points). This lead should assure the former of the championship.

In the One Design and Gales Class "Daphne" 68 points (Lt. Thring, R.N.) holds a good lead from his brother serviceman, Commander F. Ratsey whose "Albatross" has scored 55.

In the Heyward Hays Class Capt. A. W. Davidson, R.N.R., with "Bluenose" scoring 69 points holds a lead of 4 from Mr. F. G. Vaux in "Boomer" but here anything may happen. The class is so evenly matched for sailing that it is no rare occurrence for a boat to score 5 or 6 points less in consecutive races if she experiences a bit of "bad luck."

The main interest to most members is the scramble to qualify for the "Tai Yut" trophy by becoming one of the three prize winners in each class of the championship series.

"Colleen" who is 3rd in the Handicap Class holds a lead of 4 points over her nearest rival and "Halcyon" in the One Design and Gales is fairly safe being 9 points ahead of the 4th boat but in the Heyward Hays Class "Lola" and "Why Wonder?" are tied for 3rd place with 60 points each so both helmsmen will be doing their best to beat each other whilst at the same time watching "Adele" their most dangerous rival.

The cruizers who sailed their last championship race just a month ago will hope for more wind to the West of Hong Kong Island and less to the South of Lamma than they had last year. It was in this race that "La Cigale" lost her top-mast in the squall which hit the fleet off Ha Mi Wan. A point per fleet separates the first four boats; "U" and "I" leading with 27 points, followed by "Coquette," "Feathers" and "La Cigale." A keen race may be expected, for there remains only the re-sailing of the 1st race, Hong Kong Island (p), to complete the championship series.

I believe the new Club cruiser is to be called "Typhoon" being Hong Kong's equivalent of a "cyclone." It was upon the design of "Cyclone" by Dr. Harrison Butler that the main dimensions of the Club boat were based—hence the name. She is due for launching on Monday at the time of mid-day high water and it will be interesting to see how the design and ideas expressed on paper by Messrs. H. S. Rouse and V. Goulbourn will materialise in the actual boat. But to the little ship and all who may sail in her, here's the best of good luck from—"Chau Kung."

TILDEN FOR EUROPE.

Paris, Feb. 5.
William Tilden will leave America on April 9 with a team of American lawn tennis players for a tour of France, Britain, Spain and Ireland. His doubles partner will probably be the young P. T. Hunter. He is competing both at the Wimbledon and St. Cloud annual tournaments.—China Press.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI against the H.K.S. R.A., on Wednesday at 5 p.m. sharp on the U.S.R.C. ground—S. H. Garrod; J. Rodger, D. Lyon, Rex N. Evans, E. J. R. Mitchell (captain), Major J. P. S. Greig; G. B. Slippier, R. K. Valentine, F. G. L. Wheeler, W. Woodward, G. P. Lammeret.

V.R.C. REPORT.

LOSS ON WORKING FOR LAST YEAR.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES.

The annual general meeting of members of the Victoria Recreation Club will be held at the Club on Friday, February 18, at 6 p.m. Loss on working account during 1926 amounted to \$1,058.10. Subscriptions totalled \$4,802.00 but the expenses were \$7,870.68. Bad debts recovered during the year were \$400.41. Interest on debentures waived by holders and debentures presented to the Club totalled \$679.58, making the actual loss for the year as \$581.47.

Reserve account still stands at \$53,374.33 and nothing for depreciation appears in the balance sheet.

The reports of the various sub-committees follow:

CLUB HOUSE.

The Club buildings are in a fair state of repair though the roof needs re-tarring and the dressing room, boat house and gymnasium need repainting, but considering the state of the Club's finances, we do not recommend more being done in this line than tarring the roof, and such painting and varnishing as is necessary for the preservation of the building. The slight subsidence which has been taking place since the building was built seems practically to have ceased.

As far as can be ascertained without taking up the floor of the gymnasium, the buildings seem to be entirely free from white ants, but constant vigilance should be maintained. The Club narrowly escaped having the gallery along the west side of the bath condemned as unsafe, and the thanks of the members are due both to Mr. R. M. Dyer for executing the necessary repairs at practically cost price, and to Mr. C. J. Cooke.

Early in the year the bar was renovated and a new filter installed for the bath—these works together with the repairs to the gallery already mentioned, also a considerable amount of re-wiring and repairs to the sanitary system and drain valve to the bath should be regarded as extraordinary expenditure.

In addition to the above a considerable amount of ordinary repairs and repainting to make good ordinary wear and tear were carried out.

LIBRARY.

The library was well patronised during the year. Over a hundred of the latest novels by well-known authors were purchased from the "Times" Book Club, and it is proposed to send them a further order for 144 books.

Owing to the large number of books now in the library, a new bookcase had to be purchased, which was specially designed for the Club by Mr. W. H. Whitely, to whom the thanks of the members are due.

Subscriptions were renewed for the following magazines and weeklies:

"Tit-Bits," "Illustrated London News," "Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News," "Sketch," "Daily Mirror," "Punch," "Health and Strength," "Wide World," "Strand," "London," "Pearson's" and "Windsor."

The sub-committee are desirous of disposing of the back numbers of the above periodicals and will accept any reasonable offer. Thanks are due to Mr. D. O. da Silva for the gift of a large number of copies of the magazine "Physical Culture."

BOAT HOUSE.

Due to the lack of enthusiasm among the more experienced oarsmen, it was not found practicable to hold a regatta. However, the committee hope to be able to arrange some races next season as there is good material among the younger members and some well-known rowers have kindly offered their services as coxswains.

Oars and sculls are badly needed and it is recommended that at least six sets of oars and four pairs of sculls be ordered immediately.

The boats require re-varnishing and re-painting, but are otherwise in fairly good condition.

BATH HOUSE.

The bath house committee are pleased to report a fairly successful season. Unfortunately owing to the installation of the new filter we were unable to entertain the Japanese swimmers again. During the season three regular night fetes were held and in addition the harbour race was made the occasion of an abbreviated night fete.

The V.R.C. captained by Mr. S. H. Garrod were again victorious in the water polo competition. Our annual aquatic sports took place in the beginning of October. Entries were rather poor. The following won the various Championship events.

100 yards, D. Lyon, 61 seconds.
220 yards, D. Lyon, 2 minutes 38.2/5 seconds.
440 yards, D. Lyon, 5 minutes 58 seconds.

880 yards, A. May, 13 minutes 17.3/5 seconds.
880 yards, Woo Challenge Cup, Wong Boon-hin, 14 minutes 30.4/5 seconds.

100 yards back stroke, E. A. Noronha, 2 minutes 24.4/5 seconds.
100 yards breast stroke, Wong Kwong-tin, 33.1/5 seconds.

100 yards Ladies, Miss M. J. Blunsdon, 34 seconds.
100 yards Boys, J. S. Lyon, 37 seconds.

Long Plunge, C. J. Cooke, 60 feet 9 inches.
Throwing the polo ball, E. A. Brodie, 80 feet.

The Chinese harbour race swum on October 20, attracted 10 entries and was won by Wong Boon-hin in 36 minutes 36.4/5 seconds.

The ladies' harbour race swum on October 27 had 5 entries of whom 5 finished, Miss P. Hunt being in 49 minutes 24 seconds.

The open harbour race for men swum on October 28 drew 23 entries and was won by C. J. Cooke in 26 minutes 10.1/5 seconds.

As previously mentioned a new filter has been installed. The bath is in good condition but the pump and its motor though workable should be replaced as soon as the Club's finances will permit.

The committee take this opportunity of thanking donors of prizes and all those who assisted in the season's aquatic.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Our 24th annual athletic meeting open to all amateur clubs of the Colony took place on the ground of the Hong Kong Football Club (kindly loaned by the Committee) on May 8. The meeting proved most successful and there were good entries for the events.

The marathon race (15 entries) was won by Gunner Abdul Guffur Khan in 23 minutes 21.2/5 seconds.

The 100 yards championship of the Colony was won by Mr. G. P. Lammeret, Jr., in the record time (Hong Kong) of 10 seconds.

In the 440 yards championship the successful competitor was Lt. H. St. L. Nicholson, R.N., in 54.2/5 seconds. The H.K.V.D. Corps won the one mile relay championship in 3 minutes 53 seconds.

The committee wish to thank all donors and especially Mr. C. J. Cooke, Staff Sergt. Hunt and others for their assistance.

The thanks of the committee are also due to H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., for presenting the prizes at the conclusion of the Sports.

Gymnasium.

There is little activity in this direction owing to lack of interest but it is hoped to promote enthusiasm in the coming season.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the annual amateur boxing tournament of the V.R.C. was not held but endeavours will be made to hold a tournament in 1927.

Billiards.

The billiard table is in good condition but it is the committee's intention to renovate same as soon as convenient. The annual open billiards championship of the Colony was not held this year.

Obituary.

The committee regret to report the deaths of three members since the last meeting, viz.—Sir C. P. Chater, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. Ho Fook.

U.S. BASEBALL SEASON.

New York, Feb. 5.

The baseball magnates to-day agreed upon a schedule for the coming major league season. The opening date has been set for April 12.—China Press.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIME FOR SUNDAY.

Starting times at the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's course at Fanling on Sunday are:—

9.28 a.m. I. W. Shewan, J. S. McLaren.
9.32 A. R. Cox, G. Vickers.
9.36 D. M. Goodall, W. I. Shenton.

9.40 W. Douglas, Capt. Bloxham.
9.44 C. B. Robertson, A. B. Purves.

9.48 A. W. Hodges, T. Low.
9.52 A. Leach, R. E. Green-smith.
9.56 J. W. Franks, A. O. Brawn.

10.00 J. A. D. Morrison, W. J. Clerk.
10.04 D. Beath, J. M. Norris.
10.08 D. J. Gilmore, E. Davidson.

10.12 D. H. Blake, C. A. Peel.
10.16 A. H. Mills, C. B. Brown.
10.20 C. B. Johnson, T. G. Bennett.

10.24 H. U. Ireland, C. C. Stark.
10.28 H. Spicer, J. D. H. Crawford.
10.32 H. A. Lammeret, A. B. Humphreys.

10.36 V. Grayburn, G. L. Sandes.
10.40 A. W. Hay-Edie, H. M. Muir.
10.44 A. Nicol, S. T. Butler.

10.48 S. C. McKham, C. J. Waddell.
10.52 S. J. Walker, H. R. Sturt.
10.56 J. H. M. Andrew, R. W. Lea.

11.00 W. D. Brown, H. R. Cleland.
11.04 J. W. Alabaster, W. C. Shiner.
11.08 T. Ramsay, F. Taylor.

11.12 T. C. Monaghan, J. H. Wallace.
11.16 W. E. Cornaby, T. Piercy.
11.20 C. Thwaites, F. Austin.

11.24 E. A. Brodie, J. Middleton-Smith.
11.28 N. L. Smith, C. B. Boylan.
11.32 G. P. Lammeret, F. M. Ellis.

11.36 L. E. Nantz, S. Hewkin.
11.40 G. E. Towns, W. F. Haynes.

MEN'S FOURSOMES.

Draw For R.H.K.G.C. Competition.

The following is the result of the draw in the R.H.K.G.C. men's foursomes competition to be played at Fanling:

T. D. E. Pendered (3) and W. A. Butterfield (16) v. J. W. Franks (7) and F. J. de Rome (7).
C. A. Peel (14) and D. H. Blake (13) v. Lt. C. L. Robertson (8) and Surg. Comdr. G. B. Cockrem (9).

C. L. Sandes (9) and E. L. Sim (13) v. J. H. Hearn (13) F. H. Gillingham (13).
T. L. Christie (9) and D. J. Gilmore (14) v. J. Smith (11) and T. C. Monaghan (13).

L. R. Andrews (5) and N. L. Smith (7) v. W. Ironside and J. S. McLaren.
T. Ramsay (14) and C. D. Lammeret (18) v. G. P. Lammeret (15) and F. M. Ellis (18).

Surg. Lt. R. M. Finlayson (7) and Surg. Lt. Comdr. G. Aubrey (10) v. Capt. E. W. Morris (6) and D. G. Bruce (10).

A. D. Humphreys (11) and Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews (9) v. A. Leach (11) and C. C. Stark (14).
The first round has to be completed on or before February 20; the second by March 13; the semi-finals by March 27 and the final April 10.

The first named pair in the draw are challengers and should make all arrangements.
All matches are over 18 holes on the old course.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS.

THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW.

Below is the draw in the Club (singles) Championship event of the Hong Kong C.C. annual lawn tennis tournament:

First Quarter.
T. D. E. Pendered v. E. H. Jacobs.
Larkcom.
H. Owen Hughes v. S. E. Green (holder 1925 and 1926).
F. T. Orr v. Dr. J. R. Craig.

E. Grimble v. Capt. E. W. Morris.
Second Quarter.
G. Miskin v. W. B. Cornaby.
R. Forster v. R. T. Wilkerson.
E. J. Armstrong v. Major W. B. Stevenson.

A. B. Raworth v. Dr. W. L. Thomas.
Third Quarter.
W. Hyde v. G. W. Sewell.
Col. C. Russell Brown v. Major H. R. Edwards.

E. G. Howard v. S. M. Gerrard.
A. H. Crook v. G. S. Hugh Jones.
Fourth Quarter.
R. K. Valentine v. F. A. Redmond.
R. H. Beale v. C. C. Stark.
A. K. Mackenzie v. D. S. Green.
R. M. Henderson v. Dr. D. J. Valentine.

LAWN BOWLS.

ANNUAL K.C.C. TOURNAMENT RESULTS.

The annual lawn bowls competitions of the Kowloon Cricket Club were recently concluded, with the following results:—

Esra Abraham Championship Cup—winner, F. Goodwin; runner-up, R. Lapsley.
President's Cup—winner, J. Gibson; runner-up, J. M. Jack.

Purves Cup—winner, S. E. Green (4); runner-up, W. Goldenberg.
Club Handicap—winner, F. Goodwin (secr.); runner-up, J. Hays (secr.).

Doubles Handicap—winners, J. Gibson and H. Stonham (secr.); runners-up, J. Fraser and L. Jack.

MOTOR TRAFFIC.

USING PRIVATE CAR FOR HIRE.

A Chinese driver was fined \$20 by Mr. R. E. Lindall this morning for using a private motor car for hire.

Acc. Id. said Sergeant Hopkins had taken \$5 from two Swatow men and got for a ride around the island. On their return, accused took out \$5 from his stocking as the amount paid for the fare. His Worship ordered the \$5 to be returned to the "customers."

A. A. Black reported yesterday that while riding a motor-cycle along Des Voeux Road Central, he accidentally knocked over a Chinaboy, who darted out from beneath the verandah. The boy was injured in the left leg and taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

SEA PERILS.

WORST TRIP IN FORTY YEARS.

New York, Feb. 11.

The "President Harding" docked this afternoon six days late, after what the captain described as the worst trip in his forty years' sea experience. He said that from the time he left Cherbourg the ship was battered by a hundred mile an hour gale and monstrous waves until the rivets were loosened and the vessel started to leak in the oil tanks, which gradually emptied. Lights went out and the engines died down. All the heating apparatus went out of commission and still the great seas dashed the liner's sides. The immigrant passengers, frightened, knelt and prayed. All the available food, including boxes, crates and hatch covers were chopped up and burned to cook the meals, before the liner was towed into Halifax.—Reuters' American Service.

DECEMBER RAIN.

The rainfall for the month of December at the Botanical Gardens was 0.44 on 2 days, at the Matilda Hospital, Mount Kellett, it was 0.41 on 3 days, and at the Police Station, Taiipo, it was 0.13 on 1 day.

The lowest reading of the barometer (M.S.L.) was 29.8 in. at 15h. and 16h. on the 17th.

The maximum squall velocity, as recorded by the Dines-Buxendall anemograph, was at the rate of 39 miles per hour at 1h. 15m. on the 24th.

Two cases of small-pox (Chinese) and one case of enteric fever (Chinese) were notified yesterday.

It is notified that the Governor in Council has determined that on and after February 14, the air mail fees applicable to letters from Hong Kong for transmission by the United States Air Mail Service, regardless of distance or route, will be 38 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof. This fee is in addition to the regular postage.

BANK NOTES.

Returns of the average amount of Bank Notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hong Kong, during the month ended January 31, 1927, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:

Average Specie Amount in Reserve.
Banks Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China \$16,938,444 5,800,000

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation 58,948,709 35,700,000
Metcalf & Co. Bank of India, Ltd. 1,744,568 580,000

Total \$72,631,721 42,080,000
In addition Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$1,252,000.

In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at \$3,108,097.

In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$230,000.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG FEBRUARY 12, 1927. 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers Society.
T.T. on London	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	100 5/8	1000	1005
do. London	120	—	119 1/2
Chartered Bank	221	221	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	231	232	—
do. C.	213 1/2	213 1/2	—
P. & O. Bank	204	210	—
Bank of East Asia	84	70	76
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	655	650 b 660 s	650. b
China Underwriters	90 cts. b	90 cts. b	86 cts. b
North China Insurance	1145	140	—
Union Insurance	283 1/2	283 1/4	285
Yankee Insurance	\$40 M. n	40 n	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200	200	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615	615	615
Shipping.			
Douglases	30	30	30
Hongkong Steamboats.	23 1/2	23	22
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	110	140	134
Indo-Chinas (Prof.)	30	30	30
do. (Def.)	30	40	30
Shell Transports	68 1/2	107 1/2	66 1/2
Star Ferries	55	56	55
Water-boats	14 1/2	14	14 1/2
Refineries.			
China Sugars	22	21	21
Malabon Sugars	34	35	36
Mining.			
Banguets	130	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 1/2	42 1/2	40 1/2
Langkats (Combined)	25	25	25
do. (Single)	12 1/2	12	—
Shanghai Exploration	14 1/2	5	—
Shanghai Loan	78	8	—
Raub's	34	34 1/2	32 1/2
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2	21 1/2	—
Ural Caspian	8 1/2	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & R. Wharves	112 1/2	112 1/2	113
H.K. & W. Docks	40	38	40
Hongkew's	1105	—	105.
New Engineerings	15	43 1/2 b 5 s	5
Shanghai Docks	1101	100 b 102 s	101
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7 1/2 b & s	7 1/2	7 1/2
Hongkong Lands	52 1/2	56 1/2	57
Hongkong Realty	194	6	6
H.K. Territorial	234	3	2 1/2
Humphreys Estates	13 60	14 1/2	13 3/4
Prince's Building	80	87	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	78 1/2	78 b 8 s	8
Oriental	72 1/2	2 1/2 b & s	2 1/2
Shanghai Cottons (old)	73 3/4	52 b 54 s	54
do. (new)	77	26 b 28 s	28
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5	4	5
Cements (comb.)	8	7 90	7 1/4
do. (old)	6 1/2	7 1/2	6
do. (new)	13 1/2	1	1 1/2
China Buses	13 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
China Lights (comb.)	11	10 1/2	10 1/2
do. (old)	9 1/2	8	8
do. (new)	9 1/2	5	5
China Prov.	54	5	5
Dairy Farms	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Der A. Wing	6	5	—
Hongkong Amusements.	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
H.K. Constructions	210	220	214
Hongkong Electrics	58 b 59 s	58 1/2	58 1/2
H.K. Ropes (old)	10	10	9 1/2
do. (new)	5	5	5
Hongkong Tramways	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Lane, Crawford	8	7	7
Macao Electrics	35	—	—
Mackintosh	10 1/2	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9 60	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2	15	15
do. (new)	8 1/2	8	7 1/2
Sincere	9 1/2	9 10	9
Singapore Trams	13 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Taxis	1	70 cts	70 Cts
United Asbestos	—	—	—
(Founders)		600	—
do. (Ordinary)	20	18	—
Watsons	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Wm. Powells	6	5	5
H.K. Telephones	3 60	3 1/2	3 1/2

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JUDGING A CAR.

Although there is no place like the road for testing the way in which a motor vehicle handles, it is possible to form a pretty good idea of its "drivability" in the garage or anywhere that the car may be standing. The quality which a car possesses to a greater or lesser degree of being handled with ease and comfort in widely differing circumstances, is called "drivability." It includes safety points as ease of steering, safety in cornering and when driving fast on any kind of road surface, while the questions of braking and gear changing are closely involved. In a word, a car which is really controllable is absolutely safe to drive in all circumstances. A car with stiff or heavy steering is unpleasant to handle for not only does driving become fatiguing, but there is generally a difficulty in correcting skids on greasy roads, while occasionally, when one hand is removed from the wheel for the purpose of signalling to overtaking traffic, the car may tend to follow its own sweet will, with possibly, unfortunate results. Therefore, the steering must, first and foremost, be light and accurate.

Stiff steering can be due either to inadequate lubrication, or to bad fitting, generally to the former. Therefore, every driver should carefully grease all the joints and connections in the steering mechanism. Steering that is heavy be-

FIRST LIMOUSINE

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

In November, 1901, the now familiar term "limousine" was applied to a car for the first time. Oddly enough, it was used by the De Dion Co. to describe a car which did not possess even a screen of a hood. The vehicle was in fact, a coupe chassis, with no doors to the front cockpit, and no more than six-inch doors to the rear compartment. It was offered, as an alternative to the standard tonneau with longitudinal stern seating.

These new 8 h.p. De Dion models were probably the first really satisfactory cars ever marketed at a low price in England, and heralded the dawn of efficient motoring. They were moreover, specially attractive to the novice as all controls were concentrated ready to hand; the two-speed gear, with its separate clutch for high and low gears was operated by a large radial lever under the steering wheel, and engine speed was mainly controlled by a decelerator pedal, which varied the lift of the exhaust valve.

The bodywork was of excellent quality. A single-cylinder engine seems a trifle crude in these days, but it was neither so rough or so noisy as might be imagined, for the flywheel was large and the revolution range was small. In fact, it

WHERE CARS ARE USED.

There has been received from London, with the compliments of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, Ltd., a booklet of about 150 pages dealing with "The Motor Industry of Great Britain." It contains many very interesting items.

The introduction states that "the need for the collection and dissemination with regard to the motor industry of this country is evident."

Some of the facts collected are encouraging for those of us who wish to see machine power replace man power in China. In 1921 there were 47,000 cars in use in Great Britain. In 1925 there were 550,000 cars in use. The figures for commercial vehicles are, for those years, 25,000 and 232,000 respectively.

Up to May 31, 1925, nearly a million cars and motor vehicles had been registered.

Incidentally it may be mentioned that the population of Great Britain has been steadily rising from a total of 33,348,000 in 1908 to 43,767,000 in 1925. Has the motor industry done something to support the increased population?

In 1908 there were 600.7 persons in Great Britain for every motor vehicle registered. In 1925 there were 456 persons per vehicle. The following table makes us wonder where Hong Kong or Shanghai would figure in a list of towns and cities of Asia in which motor cars are used.

Country	No. of Persons per Vehicle.
United States	19,843,000 5.5
Canada	719,718 12.0
New Zealand	90,203 12.5
Australia	297,311 19.5
Great Britain	960,000 45.6
France	763,499 51.3
Germany	252,308 247.9
Italy	115,000 866.2

LOOKING FOR YOUR CAR.

Once more the racing carnival has drawn attention to the real necessity for some means of distinguishing cars without difficulty. It was not unusual to see persons wandering around the parking paddocks looking for cars in which they had come to the races. It is easy enough to remember where a car has been parked, but when other vehicles have been placed in the paddock afterwards it is difficult to recognise the car among so many others.

One of the English motoring periodicals has been calling for ideas for the identification of cars, but, although one of those received has some merit, it does not appear that anything of any great value has been suggested. Most of the suggestions were of two types. There were monograms in luminous paint, or illuminated signs for night, and wind-screen signs for the day. The drawback to these schemes is that when one is close enough to see anything of the sort, the registration number is plainly visible, while in almost total darkness, it would seem, after an analysis of the various suggestions, that the coat of arms is likely to come into its own again. If some kind of device could be mounted on the top of the hood, it might be possible to avoid the confusion which nowadays is inseparable from the parking of a number of cars together.

MOTOR-CAR LIMIT.

Motor car ownership in the United States can reach the 40,000,000 mark without danger of saturation in the industry. Mr. H. F. Kinsley, of Chicago, declared at the automotive equipment show in Chicago a few weeks ago, "Registration of cars has doubled in the last five years," said Mr. Kinsley, "and in 1923 experts talked of the approaching saturation point." Five years ago automobiles in America numbered 10,500,000. To-day they total more than 20,000,000. Future rate of increase will not be so rapid because of growing replacement requirements, but the 40,000,000-car mark will be reached easily within the next 15 years. There are more prospective automobile owners in the country at present than there are cars registered. More families can afford two cars to-day than were able to buy one car 10 years ago. National income is increasing at the rate of 2,000,000,000 dollars a year, income tax statistics show. Wages in the steel and iron industry have risen 140 per cent. since 1914, while in the automobile industry they have jumped 122 per cent. Yet the actual selling price of cars is 23 per cent. lower than it was 12 years ago. The industry is approaching the point where it will take nearly all the present factories to replace cars going out of service every year. The annual toll of scrapping and junking will soon be 4,000,000 cars, close to the nation's present annual output.

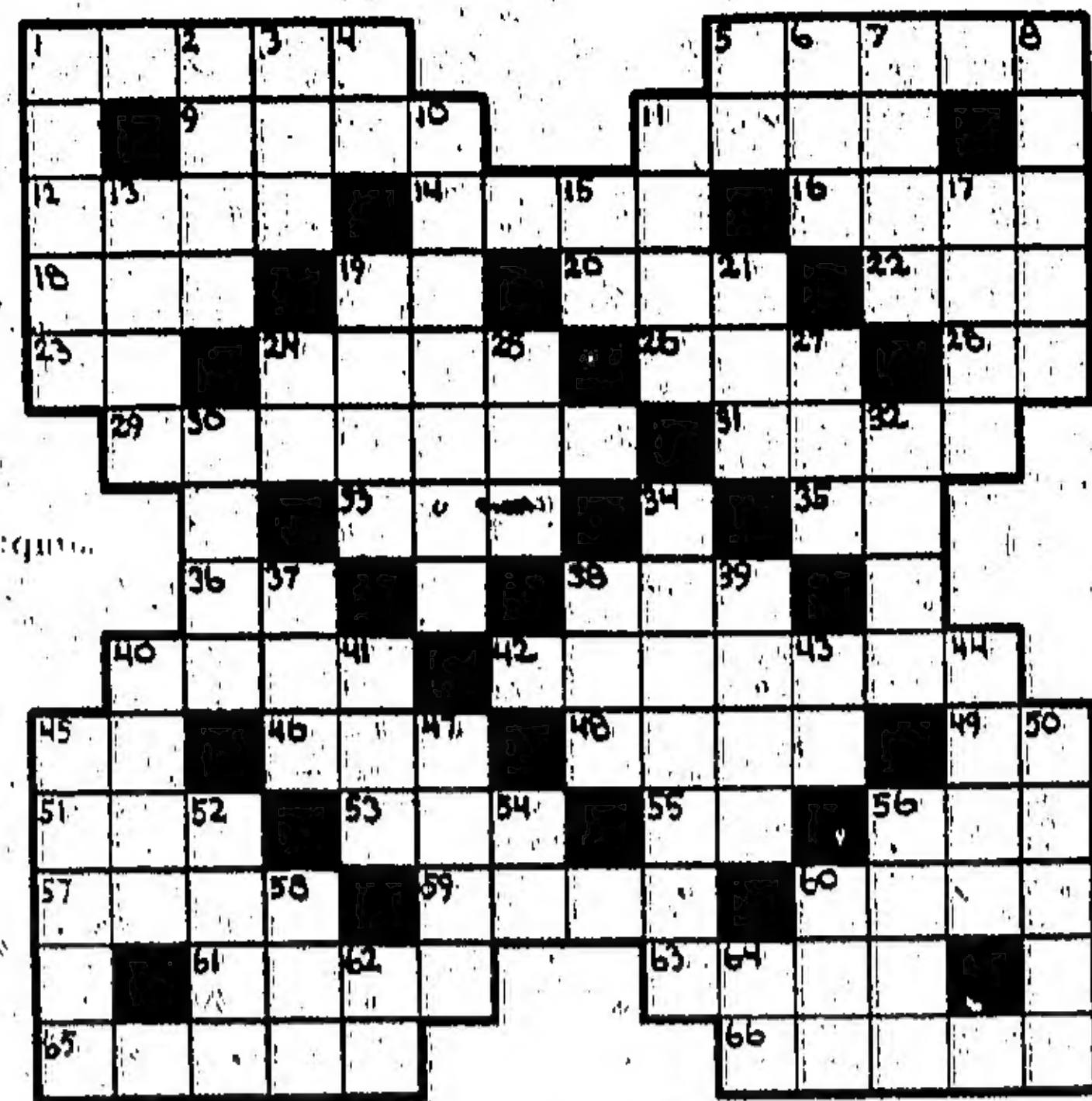
Radiators and lamps which will remain bright whatever the weather conditions, are promised as the next innovation of note.

MOTOR SPIRIT.

The Home Office have issued under Statutory Rules and Orders, Order No. 1,340 of 1925, dealing with the conveyance of petroleum spirit. It is divided into three sections, in connection with the conveyance of spirit in tank wagons, and in other vehicles; the third section containing provisions of general application. The requirements are, speaking generally, of interest only to the industry concerned, though private motorists should bear in mind that the conveyance by car of more than fifteen full two gallon tins would seem to necessitate special adaptation of the vehicle in which the spirit is carried.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plover, and altho.)



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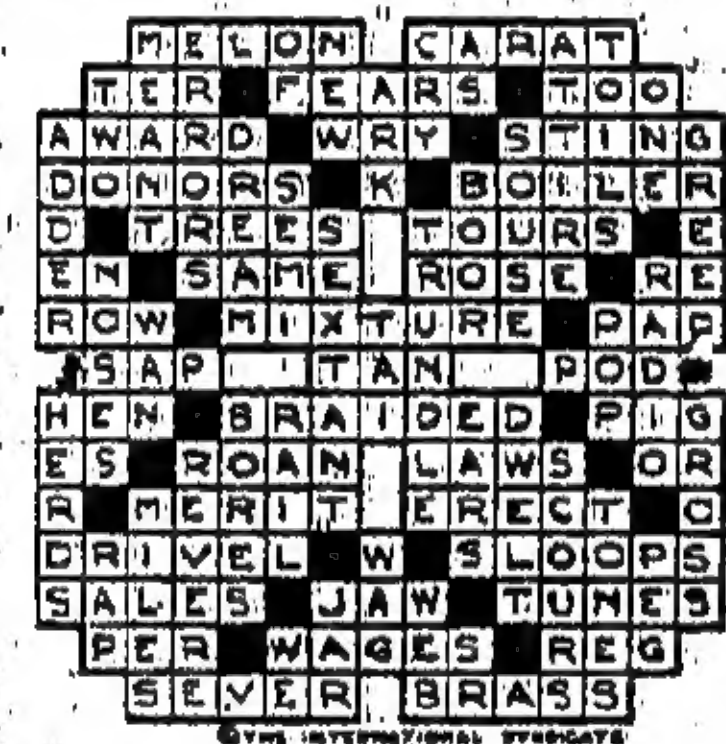
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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-A sign of the zodiac | 46-Interjection | 17-Ireland (Post.) |
| 3-To append | 51-Suffice. Same as "suffice" | 18-Part of a vase |
| 4-Simulations | 52-Grand Duke (abbr.) | 21-Greek goddess of the dawn |
| 11-A pall-handle | 53-Appropriate | 24-Promissory note (abbr.) |
| 12-To discontinue | 57-To wound, as with a dagger | 25-Greek letter |
| 14-S. American tree | 58-To wash | 27-Trouble |
| 16-Never (contr.) | 60-Girl's name | 30-A number |
| 18-Interjection | 61-Certain | 32-Parting to the ear |
| 19-A musical note | 62-Three things that go together | 34-An Irish saint |
| 20-A diminutive suffix | 63-Flows off | 37-Possessive pronoun |
| 22-Inland group of Dutch East India | 64-One of the months | 38-Roman poet |
| 23-Exile | 65-Vulgar | 40-A piquant flavor |
| 24-French for "father" | 66-Exista | 41-Prefix. Same as "super" |
| 25-Vulgar | 67-A yellowish-red dye | |
| 26-Exista | 68-Part of a tree | |
| 28-A yellowish-red dye | 69-A breach | |
| 31-Shortly | 70-Preposition | |
| 32-Southern State of U. S. (abbr.) | 71-Associate of Arts (abbr.) | |
| 35-French for "and" | 72-Part of a fish | |
| 36-A negative | 73-Insect | |
| 38-Prefix. For | 74-African ground-dwelling squirrel | |
| 40-The Greek supreme deity | 75-To alarm | |
| 42-Seclusion | 76-Farm animal | |
| 43-Personal pronoun | 77-foot fish | |
| 46-Scrape | 78-To conduct, as a newspaper | |
| 48-To conduct, as a newspaper | | |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

Manufacturers in the U.S.A. are favouring the idea that ruling prices of used cars should be published in the national newspapers, in the same way as stocks and shares are now quoted, in order that owners may be familiar with current values of their cars.

The automobile is saving workers an incalculable amount of time, and is thereby adding to the national wealth, says Mr. Guy E. Tripp, chairman of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. As a decentralising agency it is opening up an amazing number of square miles of heretofore waste lands to habitation and industry.

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These gowns usually introduce a draped movement in soft crepes or velvets—but are particularly suc-

cessful in silks. The skirts may be noted for a tiered effect, a draped side or side plaited silhouette. The waists are seen exhibiting bloused backs or bolero effects.

Sleeves in the semi-formal frocks are unusual to create interest. The long, bell sleeves over puffed under sleeves are now, as are those which possess a new feature in a cuff which extends well up to the elbow. Sleeves usually add to their importance by elaborate applique or embroidery. The very wide dolman sleeves, of course, are being featured in the semi-dress frocks and these, are not always of the same material as the rest of the frock but are contrasted both in colour and fabric. The very gorgeous laces, brocaded silks and velvets also are used to advantage in the dolman sleeve.

The bolero frock is extremely popular. It imparts a note of youthful appeal. The bolero frock appears in all fabrics and also permits of colourful combinations.

Black, which is so much worn this season, is smartly combined with gold or silver in the semi-formal frock of the bolero type. In more informal dresses, black and pink or black and beige or black and white are found successful combinations. Black velvet is extremely chic in the bolero-satin, a popular type of dress.

Alice White, who will appear in First National Pictures, is seen wearing a very smart frock of black satin, combined with flesh colour in a bolero frock that is very youthful and simple in its appeal and which serves a semi-formal occasion most successfully.

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These young men are the champion rug players of the three rival provinces. The photo was taken at Toronto while the winners were attending the Royal Winter Fair as guests of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company this fall.



Lady Cobham, standing beside her husband, Sir Alan Cobham, the famous English flying ace, is an enthusiastic over flyer as her husband. They glided affectionately at the Moth plane loaded aboard a lion bound for America.



When Premier King visited the bell foundry at Croydon, England, recently, he found over and over again a Canadian coin in the molten metal during the casting of the carillon bells for Ottawa.



Prince and Princess of Wales, at Hudson, Canada, are prominent passengers aboard the Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Britain," which sailed on a round-the-world cruise from New York recently.



Booming extensive travelers at six years of age, these twins, James and Desmond Fraser, arrived in Canada recently on the Canadian Pacific liner "Montclair," for a holiday from Inverness, Scotland.



Youngest recruit for the Buffs. A baby buffalo, five weeks old, is one of the recent arrivals at the London, England, Zoo.



Pride of Quebec.—The Chateau Frontenac dog team that provided unique amusement for the guests at that famous hotelery.



A close-up view of the Royal march being drawn to the sound of the British Parliament. The Queen of England can be seen seated in the coach.

Winter sports in all its varied forms, now in full swing at Quebec City. Photo shows a typical sledging scene, with a sled pulled by a team of dogs.



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INWARD MAILS.

From	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12	Per
Straits	12	Nagpore.
Shanghai	12	Suiyang.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	13	Kiu Kiang.
Europe via Nagapatnam, papers only, London	13	
13th Jan.	14	Laisang.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	14	President Monroe.
Shanghai	15	Chenan.
Manila	15	Pres. McKinley
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	17	President Wilson.
Australia & Manila	18	
Europe via Suez, (letters & papers, London	19	Tango Maru.
20th Jan., & parcels 13th Jan.)	19	Mongolia.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	19	Pres. Jefferson.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	20	Shinyo Maru.

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Fort Bayard	12	Hydrangea.
Saigon	12	Phoumponh.
Saigon	12	Fengle.
Shanghai, Japan & *Honolulu & S. Mikage Maru	8.30 p.m.	
Francisco—due S. Francisco 9th March. Parcels 9 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		President Taft.
Amoy	13	Shirata.
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Swatow	9 a.m.	Kanchow.
Shanghai	9 a.m.	Emp. of Scotland.
Formosa	9 a.m.	Kokaku Maru.
Manila	9 a.m.	West Nipponmaru.
Formosa	9 a.m.	Kokaku Maru.
Amoy	14	Suiyang.
Bangkok	5 p.m.	Kalgan.
Manila	5 p.m.	President Monroe.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand		
Via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 25th Feb. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (16th) 9.40 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		Changto.
Saigon	15	Chengtu.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	10 a.m.	Hai Hong.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels noon. Letters 1 p.m.		Sui Sang.
Amoy	2 p.m.	Tjinnnock.
Wei Hai Wei	2 p.m.	Hupoh.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden Egypt & Europe, via Marseilles—due Marseilles 18th March. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.		Sphinx.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

LETTER TO LEAGUE.

(Continued from page 1.)

China New Year orders of the complimentary kind have been said to be comparatively small this year on account of the unpromising outlook.

Yesterday dealers in place-goods, hardware, sundries and other manufactures were busy with their brokers, and inquiries have resulted from the improved tone.

Business men are confident that the beneficial effect will be even greater in Shanghai.

More interest is being displayed in local investment stocks and the sharebrokers are looking forward to an immediate increase of turnover.

To-day is the anniversary of the proclamation of the Chinese Republic in Peking and a Customs holiday. On Monday it is thought that trade with South China will begin to "move" with an appreciable effect on Hong Kong clearances.

Yesterday sterling came down a farthing. This is also thought to be connected with the feeling of optimism that has set in.

EARLIER NEWS.

Paris, Feb. 11.

In the Chamber of Deputies, replying to a question by Deputy Marcel Cachin concerning the China situation, M. Briand, Minister of Foreign Affairs, expressed the hope that France would not have to interfere with a view to protecting Frenchmen, and that the Chinese authorities would continue to take all measures necessary for the security of French lives and property. France had always observed the strictest neutrality against belligerent parties, and would certainly offer no opposition to the emancipation of China. Concluding amid general cheers, M. Briand said the best course was for them not to meddle in internal Chinese affairs.—Havas.

Hankow's Political Bureau.

Shanghai, Feb. 11.

A telegram from Hankow, dated 9th instant, states that the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs notified the Consulates to-day that the Political Bureau has ordered that no more hearings of cases on behalf of foreign plaintiffs will be heard before the Mixed Court. All foreign claims in future must be heard before a Chinese City Magistrate without a Consular official being permitted to attend in the capacity of assessor.—Reuter.

Sir F. Aglen.

Peking, Feb. 11.

Reuter has been requested officially to issue the following statement:—"Sir Francis Aglen handed over charge of the Customs and Loan Service to Mr. Edwards to-day. It is understood that Sir F. Aglen, who intends to return to England, remains gazetted and treated as Inspector-General of the Customs for a year."

Mr. Edwards took over charge of the Customs this afternoon.—Reuter.

Stirring Peroration.

London, Feb. 10.

The closing words of Sir Austen Chamberlain, in his speech to the House of Commons, were: "I cannot predict the future. The course of negotiations is always uncertain. It is doubly uncertain, perhaps, where, as in this case, they are carried on not confidentially but in the presence of all the world. We have acted without any delay and with all the expedition that was possible. I hope that not only is peace secured, but that a new and better understanding of British aims and purposes may be spread among the Chinese people that they may see that we have no purpose hostile, that we have no desire to keep them in a state of subjection or tutelage or inferiority, and that we shall rejoice as the develop their institutions so that they may discharge to the full the obligations of every civilized government to foreigners within their gates, and may relieve us of the privileges, so-called, which become burdensome and of obligations which it ought to be the duty of the Chinese authorities themselves to enforce and protect."—British Wireless Service.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE.

EFFECT OF LAST YEAR'S FLOODS.
ANNUAL MEETING TO-DAY.

Mr. Henry Humphreys presided over the annual ordinary general meeting this morning of shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Ltd., other directors present being Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. W. L. Patten, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. J. M. Alves.

Shareholders present were: Messrs. C. Bulmer Johnson, O. F. Ribeiro, A. P. Samy, D. E. Clark, C. Bernard Brown, and W. Morley, with the Secretary, Mr. G. Rapp.

Chairman's Review.

After the reading of the convening notice by the secretary and the customary introduction to his speech, the chairman said:—

"For the third year in succession we have no profits to record under the heading of sales of property."

"The net profit for the period under review shows an increase of \$6,392.82 which, in view of the conditions prevailing during the whole of the year, your directors think is very satisfactory. Repairs' account is less by \$2,584.19, but the Typhoon and Floods Insurance Fund has been reduced by \$10,134.54 due to damage caused by the great rainstorm of July 19 last. Landladies at Branksome Towers and Eriston Cottage were responsible for most of the expenditure."

"You will note an amount of \$3,000 architects' fees on the debit side of profit and loss account. This sum was paid for plans of two big blocks of flats, the building of which was abandoned. As there is no probability of their ever being proceeded with, the item could no longer appear as an asset and has consequently been written off."

Repairs, Typhoons & Floods.

"The proposed appropriation of \$13,512 for Special Repairs and Renewals Account is necessary in view of the fact that we are faced this year with an unusually large expenditure which cannot be regarded as ordinary repairs. As regards the proposed appropriation for Typhoon and Floods Insurance Fund the appropriation will bring the Fund up to the original amount of \$60,000 after providing for the damage caused by the July flood."

"I have no further remarks to make, gentlemen, but if any shareholder has any questions to ask I shall be pleased to answer them to the best of my ability."

Other Business.

The adoption of the report and accounts was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Samy, and carried unanimously.

The re-election of directors was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Morley, and carried.

The re-election of Messrs. Percy Smith and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davis as auditors at a salary each of \$250 was proposed by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Morley, and carried.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants would be ready on Monday morning.

FARM RELIEF.

BILL PASSED BY U.S. SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 11.

The Senate has passed the McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill to provide a fund of fifty millions sterling to finance the withdrawal of surplus cotton, wheat, rice, corn, etc., from the market.—Reuter's American Service.

LOOKED IN MIRROR.

WOMAN WHO HANGED HERSELF.

"Suicide while insane" was the verdict returned at the inquest on Mrs. Emma Galloway, aged 54, of Newbury (Berks), who hanged herself in a disapplying manner with her appearance after having had her hair done.

DISARMAMENT.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S PROPOSALS.
FAVOURABLE RECEPTION.

London, Feb. 11.

President Coolidge's disarmament proposals have been favourably received in authoritative circles in London. No detailed comment is available till the experts have studied the memorandum.—Reuter's American Service.

Chorus of Commendation.

New York, Feb. 11.

The Press greets with peans of praise the proposals, which come as a complete surprise. Faint murmurs of scepticism are drowned in a chorus of commendation.—Reuter's American Service.

Principle Welcomed.

Rugby, Feb. 11.

President Coolidge's Memorandum to Britain, France, Italy, and Japan suggesting that their delegates at the meeting of the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference at Geneva should be empowered to negotiate an agreement further limiting naval armament and covering classes of vessels not included in the Washington Agreement has been welcomed in principle in London.

Whatever may come of the proposal it is felt that the mere fact that the United States has once more expressed adherence to it in such an emphatic manner is bound to promote the cause of disarmament, of which Great Britain has always been a protagonist.

Details must obviously be examined by experts before any official opinion is expressed, but it is recognised that President Coolidge's proposals are made at an opportune moment for the meeting of the Preparatory Committee has been fixed for March 21. The reports of various Sub-Committees on the technical aspects of disarmament will be then before it, and the representatives of the countries addressed by President Coolidge will be assembled at Geneva.—British Wireless Service.

French Views.

Paris, Feb. 11.

President Coolidge's disarmament memorandum was the subject of long deliberations on the part of interested services at the Quai d'Orsay.

The official view is unknown pending a meeting of the Ministerial Council on Saturday but it is semi-officially stated that it may be presumed that the French Government will not object to the American proposal, but insist that the disarmament problem should remain in the hands of the League of Nations.

It is added that, on the other hand, there is no reason to think that the participation of the Soviet in the proposed Conference cannot be made a condition for its assembling.—Reuter.

LISBON NORMAL.

BANKS REOPEN FOR BUSINESS.

TRAMS RUNNING.

Lisbon, Feb. 11.

The city is now normal. The Banks have reopened and trams are running as usual.—Reuter.

QUEEN WILHELMINA.

The Hague, Feb. 10.

Owing to slight indisposition, Queen Wilhelmina has been medically ordered to remain indoors this week.—Reuter.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

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